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Weismann convicted of attempted murder

RAINE MARCUS

MIRIAM Weissman, the 76year-old Bat Yam woman accused of strangling her daughter Nathalie in her sleep, was acquitted of premeditated murder yesterday hut convicted of attempted murder by Tel Aviv District

Weissman, who was freed on bail by the Supreme Court in November after a year in custody and has continually denied killing her 33-year-daughter, wept after

"Look at me!" she said, tearfully. "I am 76 years old. Could I do such a thing? It's impossible \ I loved my daughter, she was dear to me. Today is indeed a black day for me. I have received ent for nothi

Weissman will be sentenced on February 21, but her lawyer, Eyal Shomrom-Cohen, said he intends to appeal to the Supreme Court,

whatever the sentence is. Thronghout the trial Weismann insisted that Nathalie, the mother of a young daughter, had taken an overdose of some 200 anti-depressant pills. But pathologist Dr. Yehuda Hiss had ruled that suffocation had caused Nathalie's death, and that extensive bruising and scratches were

found on her neck. Shomroni-Cohen brought in expert witnesses from ahroad who testified that her death could have been caused by a drug overdose. He also argued that the hruising and scratches were caused by her falling and then

trying to strangle herself. Of the panel of three judges, Judge Sarah Sirota wanted to acquit Weissman on grounds of reasonable doubt; but Judges Dvora Berliner and Ze'ev Hammer voted to convict, ruling that she lied and gave contradictory versions of events throughout the trial.

Weissman and her husband, Michael, were arrested after Nathalie, known to suffer from depression, was found dead in her bed in December 1994. They were charged with her premedi-tated murder by strangling. Last May, Michael Weissman was acquitted by a district court judge on grounds of insufficient

Yesterday's conviction for attempted murder, which carries a maximum 20-year sentence, is considered a rare verdict, which Shomroni-Cohen said is another reason to appeal.



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Workers examine the skeleton of a 2,600-year-old Egyptian child uncovered inside a coffin at the site of a partly built museum 30 km. south of Cairo, which the Egyptian government has decided to remove.

Navon agrees to head inquiry into Ethiopian grievances

hak Navon, yesterday agreed to head the commission of inquiry into the grievances of the Ethiopian community.

The decision to set up the committee was made by Prime Minister Shimon Peres on Sunday, when he met with representatives of the community during the violent demonstration in Jerusalem against the policy of discarding

blood donations by Ethiopians. President Ezer Weizman plans to meet heads of the community today at Beit Hanassi to discuss BATSHEVA TSUR

their problems.

At an emergency meeting in Tel Aviv last night, members of the community condemned "manifestations of discrimination

They called for the dismissal of four doctors - Amnon Ben-David of the Blood Bank; Amos Luria and Zvi Ben-Yishai of Rambam Hospital; and cardiac surgeon Danny Gnr - all accused of taking a discriminatory stand

against the community.

Minors' AIDS testing bill passes first reading

A BILL which would allow minors to carry out AIDS tests without their parents' permission unanimously passed first read-

ing in the Knesset last night.

The bill, suhmitted by MK Benny Temkin (Meretz), proposes that minors who suspect they have been infected with the virus will receive medical advice before the tests. Every attempt will be made to persuade infected minors to tell their parents. "The bill is an attempt to prevent a situation in which youths are scared to be checked for AIDS because they fear telling their parents. The war on AIDS demands that everything be done to encourage people to carry out AIDS tests, " Temkin said.

committee that would monitor the commission's deliberations which are expected to last up to a month. The commission will include representatives of the com-

"We congratulate the prime minister for appointing someone with an international name but only the conclusions of the commission and their application will calm down the community," Addisu Messala, head of the Unified Organizations of Ethiopian Immigrants said last night. But he said, the leaders would meanwhile "try to get things back to nonnal.

Meanwhile, a conference of leading members of the community, including kessim, will be called to decide on further action, Messala said.

Messala said he had requested that Peres extend the commission's mandate to include all the major problems facing the community: religious issues, education, and suicides in the IDF. Since the publication of the

story about the blood being dis-

carded, there have been many cases of depression among community members, Messala said. 'Scared' surgeon condemned, Page 3

Hamas man fatally stabs IDF soldier

Government, IDF place blame on PA for allowing attacker out of Area A

JON IMMANUEL, ON LEVY and DAVID RUDGE

A DEFECTIVE metal detector apparently allowed a Palestinian Hamas member armed with two long kitchen knives to enter the Dotan army camp south of Jenin yesterday, where he stabbed to death St.-Sgt. Ehnd Tal.

Tal, 21, will be buried today at 3 p.m. at the cemetery on his kibbutz, Maoz Haim.

The IDF Spokesman said the killer, identified as Mahmoud Siriyeh, 19, a resident of the Jenin refugee camp, "entered through the main gate of the camp. When he passed the metal detector, the machine emitted a buzz indicating he was carrying a metal object. But when he took his racket and belt off and passed through the machine a second time, the alarm did not sound,"

Siniyeh was then allowed to pass into the camp, which houses the civil administration, district coor-dination and haison office, police, and troops. Palestinians enter the camp, mainly from villages in area C, to renew various permits.

Tal was preparing coffee in a kitchen when the attacker entered and stabbed him in the back. Tal struggled with him and screamed, receiving a second stab wound in the chest, but iderting his fellow soldiers, who attacker. But Tal died of his wounds before he could be airlifted to a hospital.

Striveh was later identified as having been arrested in the past and was not permitted to cross the Green Line, military sources said. He told interrogators he beloogs to Hamas and had carried out the attack to escape personal and financial problems.

The army inquiry into the inci-dent will examine why the detector did not spot the knives and why there was no body search. "There was a foul-up," a senior military source said.

The eivil administration blamed lax security precautions by reservists for the attack. However, the IDF and several ministers placed much responsibility on the Palestinian Police.

Maj.-Gen. Oren Shahor, the government coordinator in the territories, called his Palestinian counterpart, civil affairs negotiator Jamil Tarifi, to demand that the Palestinian Police carry out more "preventive operations" to ensure that potential attackers are not allowed out of Area A, where the police have full security control. The Jenin refngee camp, where the killer lived, is in Area A.

"The first thing to note is that it happened in Area C," which is under sole Israeli control, said Brig. Ziad Atrash, the chief Palestinian liaison officer.

· Minister for Internal Security Moshe Shahal denounced the attack and said Israel would act aggressively and press the Palestinian Authority to ensure there would be no resumption of terror

Shahal, who spoke to reporters during a visit to the North vesterday, said there had been a number of problems in the Jenin area since it was handed over to the control of the PA, and these must

be solved. Deputy Defense Minister Ori Orr, who was also in the North yesterday, said that although there are still those who oppose the peace process, "the less ter-ror, the more the process can progress. The more terror, then the peace agreements cannot

Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, who visited the Carmel Park Hai Bar yesterday, also condemned the attack. He noted, however, that the level of terrorism had dropped dramatically in

the past few months. "It has dropped to the extent that even the most ardent opponents of the Oslo 1 and 2 agreements realize that they have no choice but to jump on the bandwagon or the wagon will run

Kibbutz loses 14th soldier

ST.-SGT. Ehud Tal, 22, of Kibbutz Maoz Haim, was to have been released in another two months. Tal was the 14th member of the kibbutz to fall in the line of duty.

News of his death reached the kibbutz in the afternoon, while his parents, Yehoshua and Hadassah, were vacationing at the

ed of serving in an ente limit health problem forced him to serve in the military government

A friend said Ehud had always been a leader in his class while growing up, and enjoyed working in the barn. "He was the one we always relied on and knew would always be in the right place at the right time," said another friend.

"He had an inner peace which radiated a feeling of comfort to all those around him ... His death shocked us all ... We thought we were done with this, that the boys were being released and it was all over, that we would not run into such things, but unfortunately we were proven wrong."

In addition to his parents, Ehud Tal is survived by two brothers, Eitan and Amichai, and a sister, Ariela. He will be buried tomorrow at the kibbutz.

Mass grave believed to hold Holocaust victims unearthed

workers have unearthed what appears to he a mass grave containing the remains of Holocaust victims at the site of a eontroversial hydropower project, state television reported

Two trenehes filled with skeletons were discovered during earth-moving work for the power plant near Lambach, about 220 kilometers west of Vienna.

Ecological activists have been trying to prevent the project, elaiming it would destroy wildlife and is unnecessary.

Construction work was immediately halted when the skeletons were discovered, hnt it was not known whether the power project would be

The remains of six men,

exhumed, television said. But it was not know how many more skeletons might be in the grave.

The television report said the remains may helong to Hungarian Jews imprisoned at nearhy Gnnskirchen, a concentration camp that was part of the infamons Manthausen death camp where thousands of Jews and others were killed by the Nazis during World War II.

However, there was no independent confirmation of the

officials were investigating.

The Gunskirchen camp was set up as late as March 1945. When US troops liberated it in May that year, it held about 12,000 emaciated inmates.

According to the report, the eamp contained mostly Hungarian Jews brought there in so-called death marches.

Local records show that dozens died daily when a typhoid epidemie spread among inmates in the waning weeks of

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Pentagon memo warning against Jews condemned

MARILYN HENRY

THE Defense Department has repudiated a confidential memorandum to military contractors warning that Israel would "ag-gressively" try to steal US intelligence secrets, partly by using its "strong ethnic ties" in the United

States to obtain information. The memo was "unfortunate, unofficial and unauthorized," and it does not represent Defense Department policy, Pentagon spokesman Ken Bacon said.

The memo, written by an onidentified employee of the Defense Investigative Service, was sent to military contractors in the

It was withdrawn in December after senior officials concluded that the author had improperly singled out Jewish ethnicity as a specific counterintelligence concern, The Washington Post re-ported in yesterday's editions.

The confidential memo - a country counterintelligence profile" on Israel - was first reported in Moment magazine and was widely publicized this week by the Anti-Defamation League.

Israel's "recruitment techniques include ethnic targeting, financial aggrandizement, and identification and exploitation of individual frailties" of Americans, the memo said. "The strong ethnic ties to Isra-

el present in the US, coupled

with aggressive and extremely

competent intelligence person-

nel, has resulted in a very pro-

in the Syracuse, New York, office of the Defense Investigative Service "This is a distressing charge

which impugns American Jews and borders on antisemitism," Abraham Foxman, the ADL's national director, wrote in a letter to Defense Secretary William

ductive collection effort," said

the memo, which was produced

Forman called on the department to "immediately initiate an internal investigation into the matter so as to reprimand those responsible and prevent a similar occurrence in the future."

The memo was based on un-

elassified material, including press accounts, officials said. It cited four instances of Israeli

espionage, including the case of onetime Navy analyst Jonathan Pollard, his successful bid for Israeli citizenship and Israel's un-successful appeals for his freedom. Pollard's case continues to reverberate with suggestions of the dual loyalty of American

The memo also said Israeli agents stole proprietary information from an Illinois optics company in 1986 and test equipment for a radar system in the mid-1980s. And it repeated charges, which were never proven, that Israel may have provided China with jet-fighter technology obtained from the US.

IAF warplanes blast Hizbullah base north of security zone

ISRAEL Air Force warplanes struck at Hizbullah targets in the Jab'l Shaffi region of south Lebanon yesterday, following the abortive car bomb attack in the

security zone on Sunday night. . Meanwhile, Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee the situation in Lebanon is "very troubling" and he fears for the safety of IDF soldiers. He said Sunday's attempted attack shows Hizbullah intends to act against both the South Lebanese Army

and the IDF. The IDF Spokesman said the targets of the air strike were used as bases for Hizbullah activities. The spokesman said the pilots had reported good hits and that all the planes returned safely.

Tibi:

Covenant

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THE articles in the Palestinian

Covenant calling for Israel's

destruction will be changed before

Tibi appeared before a receptive

with Mohammed

audience of dozens of officers,

Darwish, head of the Islamic

Movement. He said that, on the

one hand, the dates for changing

the covenant are "not holy," but

on the other, the commitment of

Palestinian Authority Chairman

Yasser Arafat under Oslo 2

holding a stopwatch," said Tibi,

adding it is likely the abrogation

of the covenant will take place

Tibi responded to a Likud

demand for an explanation as to

why he had been invited to

address the college by saying the time has come for the Likud to

change its approach and act in

Middle East. He pointed out that the abrogation of the covenant before the elections would deprive

the Likud of ammunition it was expecting to use to attack the gov-

ernment and the Oslo agreements.

before the National Defense

College," said Tibi, adding that he

has already been invited back for

Special groups to

broadcast

on cable TV

From now on homosexual, les-

bian, human rights, and other spe-

cial interest organizations may

broadcast on public access cable TV, the Communications

Ministry announced yesterday.

Cables Council council chair-

man Michal Rafaeli-Caduri said

the local channels provide a

democratic forum for every com-

munity: There is no reason to

block any legitimate expression

of the ideas, culture, and concerns

of any organization, provided

they keep within Bezeq regula-tions." Helen Kaye

a second appearance.(ltim)

"I very much enjoyed appearing

slightly after the agreed date.

"But you sbouldn't stand there

requires them to be abrogated.

National Defense College.

News agencies reporting from

DAVID RUDGE AND LIAT COLLINS

The rival Amal Shi'ite move-

claimed responsibility for the Lebanon said two jets carried out abortive car bomb attack, although the incident ~ in which three separate runs at the targets in M'lita village inside 10 minutes and fired six rockets. The reports one or more terrorists were believed to have been killed - had said the warplanes came under anti-aircraft fire from Lebanese all the hallmarks of being the work of Hizbullah. army gunners stationed in the Shahak said the premature area, but the planes dropped missile-deflecting balloons and were

explosion of the truck appears to have been a "work accident," and There were no immediate had it exploded as planned it reports of any Hizbullah casual-ties, although Hizbullah gunmen could have killed and wounded many people, caused a buge toll in human lives and injuries. The total closed off the target area to destruction of the truck is making Lebanese army troops and securiidentification of the terrorist or ty forces. The news agency terrorists involved very difficult reports said the raid was the first IAF air strike in Lebanon so far but there are signs of at least one body. A revolver with a silencer this year and that it was seen as retaliation for Sunday's attempted and a Kalashnikov were also

No organization has so far

ment has claimed responsibility for a string of long-range attacks on SLA and IDF positions in the zone this past week. These included a mortar, machine gun and light weapons attack on the SLA's post in Barasheet village, in the zone's western sector early yesterday. The same post came under fire late Monday night. There were no SLA or IDF casualties in either of the incidents, and IDF

and SLA gunners returned fire. Shahak told the Knesset committee that since US Secretary of State Warren Christoper's last visit in the region there had been an increase in cooperation between Hizbullah, Amal and other rejectionist groups. He said Hizbullah apparently aims at bringing about the collapse of the

SLA which would force Israel into choosing between manning the posts the SLA leave or taking other action. Shahak said if the Syrian negotiations stall, Hizbullah will probably carry out as many attacks as possible and Syria might lack the motivation to stop them."

A senior intelligence officer told the committee Hizbullah is seeking new channels through which it can receive arms and ammunition, including via Turkey, on the assumption that there might be a policy change in the region which could rule out the Syrian route. Shahak said that in 1995, 23 IDF soldiers fell in the northern sector and 86 were wounded, 29 SLA soldiers fell and 67 were wounded, while some 100 terrorists were killed and 74 wounded.

with URI LUBRANI

Uri Lubrani is government coordinator on Lebanon Were the recent abortive attacks - Sunday's car bomb and the killing of four members of Ahmed Jibril's PFLP-GC on a terror mission - reminders that south Lebanon is far from calm?

Absolutely. We have been led to believe that there is a degree of reduction in the level of operations against us, but there is nothing of the sort. Instead it's a combination of [ongoing] operations that were either preempted or intercepted and stopped, or operations which misfired by sheer luck, as in the car bomb attack.

Are the Syrians really trying to calm the situation in south Lebanon and if so why aren't they succeeding? They say that they have been trying. I would say that if they have

been trying they have not been trying hard enough. If they really set their minds on doing so they could. I bave no doubt about it.

Do you know who was behind the attempted car bomb attack and whether any terrorists were killed when it exploded prema-

l have no doubt that this was the work of Hizbullah. To the best of my knowledge, there was someone in the car if not more than one

What can Israel do that it has not done already to reassure the SLA and residents of the zone that they won't be abandoned in

the event of a peace accord with Syria and Lebanon? What the prime minister said the other day when he met with [SLA commander] Gen. Antoine Lahad is a clear statement of our policy which his predecessor, the late Yitzhak Rabin laid down. There are two basic conditions: Nothing will change our deployment in the security zone without us being totally sure that the military capabilities of Hizbullah and the other terrorist organizations have been dismantled. We also have to be guaranteed, in the most absolute way, that Lebanese residents of the security zone, including members of the SLA and their dependents, will not be harassed, molested or penalized because they have lived in the security zone for the past

Are these Israel's red lines in any future peace negotiations with Lebanon?

In my mind, absolutely, yes.

Shahak troubled by Jenin attack

LIAT COLLINS

CHIEF of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday that he had been "troubled" by the possibility of attacks like yesterday's fatal one af the Dotan army base south of Jenin. He described the incident as "serious" and gave MKs a short review of the facts known at the time. "Yesterday's fatal attack in

Jenin is an expression of the government's inability to ensure the safety of Israeli citizens, the peace, and the relations with the Palestinians," said Likud faction chairman Moshe Katsav. "It also expresses the lack of sincerity on the part of the Palestinian Authority in taking steps: to prevent terror attacks and murders," ... Yigal Bibi (National Religious Party) said the incident and the detention of an Israeli by the Palestinian Police in Ramallah show the wide gulf between the written agreements and reality. The ink has not yet dried on the.

with the Palestinians and look what happens," said MK Avner Sbaki (NRP). "The terrorists have again demonstrated how far removed they are from preserving agreements "It's impossible to trust the

agreements signed by terrorists who intend violating them whenever they wish," said Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan. Labor faction head Ra'anan Cohen strongly criticized the Palestinian Authority following the attack. The full responsibility belongs to the Palestinian Authority which is obliged to provide security and preserve the peace," be said.

He said the Labor faction is calling on Yasser-Airafat to maintain. security to the areas under his control. Meretz faction chairman Ran Cohen said the "fatal incident should not have occurred" and also strongly condemned it.

"Both the Palestinian Police and the IDF should ensure that no hostile person can enter the liaison force area. Sadly, I say the tragedy is both ours and theirs"



Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat poses with Swedish Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson (right) and Swedish Foreign Minister Lena Hielm-Wallen in Stockholm yesterday, where he called on Sweden to help negotiate the future status of Jerusalem.

'We are in need of your help. I am saying it bluntly and openly,' Arafat said.

(Reuter)

Ofra resident 'mistakenly' detained by Palestinian police

AN Olra resident was detained by Palestinian policemen in Ramallah for an hour yesterday. the second time in live days that Israelis have been detained in an autonomous Palestinian area.

Nissim Erez, a private contractor, was transporting four Romanian construction workers from Jerusalem to his settlement, near Ramallah, when a car with blue license plates signaled him to pull over and stop.
"When I pulled over," Erez

said, "two men in civilian clothes got out of the car, along with another person wearing a Palestinian Police hat." Erez said the men, armed with Kalashnikov rifles, took his identification papers, as well as a pistol, and told him to follow them to a Palestinian Police station.

Last Thursday, an Israeli couple who mistakenly drove into the Palestinian village of Dura in the Hebron Hills was detained for

over three hours by Palestinian policemen, before being released. Shortly after Erez was detained, the Palestinian policemen pulled over another Ofra resident. Meir Kahane, this time near Ramallah's southern exit. Soldiers at an IDF checkpoint nearby saw what transpired, and immediately went to the site and bad Kahane released.

According to Erez. the Palestinian policemen told him that Israelis are not allowed to drive through Ramallah without approval from the Palestinian Authority, and that carrying a weapon is certainly forbidden. Erez, a lieutenant-colonel in the reserves who is well versed with the details of the Oslo agreements, said Israelis are allowed to drive in the autonomous areas

and carry licensed weapons. He said that before he agreed to

follow the men to station, one of policemen trained a gun on him, and started to load it. Erez waited at the police station

for 50 minutes, and said the police treated him "well," even offering bim and the workers he was with tea and coffee, though the Palestinians were fasting because of Ramadan. Finally, Gen. Abdul Abed, from the Palestinian liaison office at the DCO in Ramallah, came to release him. Erez said that Abed apologized, admonished the policemen responsible for the arrest, and gave bim back bis pis-

tol and papers.
Pinhas Wallerstein, head of the
Binyamin Regional Council
which neighbors Ramallah. called an emergency session of the regional council with the IDF commanders in the area last night to discuss ways to deal with similar incidents in the future. "We can tolerate the agreement, Wallerstein said, "but we can't tolerate violations of the agreement."

Liat Collins adds

Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee that under the agreements with the Palestinians, Israeli citizeus with licenses are free to carry the weapons with them wherever they travel in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza

He also said the Palestinian Police may not detain any Israelis or confiscate their weapons unless they have carried out a serious crime, and even then may only detain them until a joint Israeli-Palestinian patrol arrives.

He said yesterday's incident was a deviation from the agreement which should be dealt with accordingly.

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New 'five-star' prison opened in Galilee

THE new Tzalmon Prison, which has been described as being more like a five-star hotel than a jail, was officially opened in the Galilee yes-

The ultra-sophisticated facility. which cost over NIS 120 million to construct and equip, is situated on a

170-dunam plot in a scenic part of the Galilee not far from the Druse village Mughar.

The jail, which has a reception desk and hall not unlike those found in modern hotels, has a total of six wings and is designed to hold

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720 medium risk prisoners, with a staff of 220 warders and other personnel, including social workers. teachers and medical expents.

The prison, described as one of the most modern in the world, has already become the flagsbip of the Prisons Service. It has its own hospital, with an intensive care unit as well as X-ray and dental laboratories, and is fitted with state-of-theart equipment.

All prisoners are obliged to work in the framework of the jail, and must take job training and educational enrichment courses designed to belp them find jobs on their release.

Minister for Internal Security Moshe Shahal and Prisons Service Commissioner Arye Bibi aimed to develop a facility which would combine punishment with rehabilitation. Nevertheless, Bibi, who like Shahal participated in the opening ceremony, noted that no matter how golden a cage may be, it remains a

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

THE WEEKLY MEETING of the English-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place today at 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA, King David Street. Nina Keren-David will speak on "The Internet Revolution."

Peres to brief Major on London visit

DAVID MAKOVSKY

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres will hold talks with British counterpart John Major in London today, before making a scheduled address to Britain's Joint Israel Appeal this evening.

A British diplomat said he

expects the talks to be routine, since bilateral ties are good. He said Peres would brief Major and British Foreign Minister Malcolm Rifkind on the current talks with Svria, as well as the Palestinian truck following the recent elections in the territories.

When pressed, the diplomat said he thinks it likely that Peres would put down a marker" and say that, should a breakthrough with Damascus occur, Britain may be asked to be part of an international consortium to provide assis-

The diplomat said it is unclear whether such assistance would be debt relief or include other forms of aid, such as infrastructure projects and private sector develop-

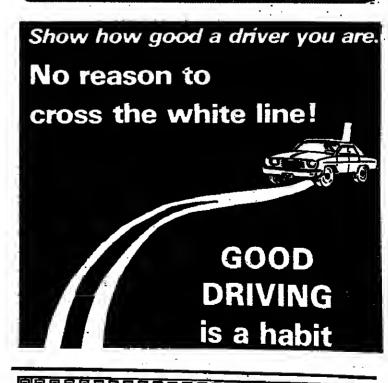
After his London meeting, Peres is to fly to Switzerland to participate in the annual Davos-based World Economic Forum, which brings together leaders of government and the business community to discuss economic trends.

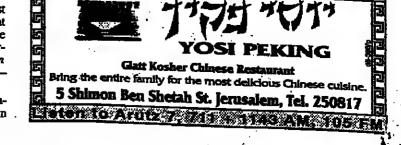
Year of Zionism begins in September

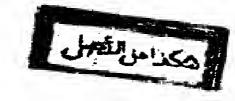
A year-long celebration marking the 100th anniversary of the first Zionist Congress will begin in September, when the government announces the Year of Zionism, Rami Kornblum, director-general of the organization department of the World Zionist Organization, said yester-Greer Fay Cashman

CORRECTION

The name of one of the Israel Prize winners in Hebrew language, literature and Jewish languages is Professor Shmeruk, and not as published in vesterday's paper.







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At about 5 a.m. the fire began in a circuit breaker box on the first floor of the building, apparently when a short circuit occurred, fire officials said. However, me resident said she suspected the fire was caused by drug addicts smoking in the storage

Interior Minister Haim Ramon has instructed Fire and Rescue Commissioner Uri Manos to launch an inquiry into the blaze. The fire spread from the box to

an adjacent storage room, from where it spread npwards to other storage rooms throughout the building. Donrs to apartments also caught fire.

Tamra Gingashvilli, 36, was killed when she ran out of her apartment with one of ber children, five-year-old Gayriel, although ber husband had warned ber not to open the door. Thick smoke and flames burst into the apartment and the rest of the family stayed near the porch

Firefighters then arrived on the scene and began removing people from the building via the windows. They took control of the hlaze that had spread to the stairwells and went up to the apartment's upper floors.

However, when they arrived at the third floor they found Gingashvilli dead. Her son had managed to flee to safety on the upper floors, hat was suffering from third-degree hurns. Doctors at Tel Hasbomer's Sheba Hospital said he was in critical hut stable condition.

Most of the residents of the building are new immigrants who rent through the Amigur company. Fire department officials said the huilding is old and its electricity network faulty. "There is no doubt that old huildings were not .. built to today's standards," said ... tary service were ever canceled, National Fire Department Com-

Surgeon rebuked for remarks on Ethiopians

"THE remarks by [Prof. Danny] Gur deviate from any ethical standard and I assume they will draw appropriate responses, both from the Health Ministry and the medical association," Prof. Eran Dolev, head of the ethics committee of the Israel Medical Association, said yesterday. He was condemning Gur's televised remarks about the Ethiopian population and alleged dangers in treating its members.

Gur said on Channel 1's Popolitica program Sunday night that if an Ethiopian child were brought to him, he would operate on him immediately, but added: "If I were asked whether I am prepared to operate on patients from groups which pose a danger, I would try to get out of it, because I am afraid."

Dolev said he was shocked at Gur'a remarks, which would be discussed at the next meeting of the medical ethics committee. Gnr will be given a chance to appear before the committee to explain .

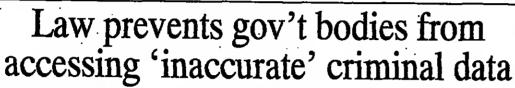
Dolev said the medical profession bas many inherent dangers, and that doctors are aware of the risks they face, especially in the era of AIDS. However, doctors also have a great amount of responsibility in

"It is inconceivable that we not give everyone the treatment they need when they need it, based on our own ability and skill," he said.

He added that doctors face dangers in other areas as well, but it is inconceivable that a doctor would not treat wounded on a battlefield just because he

was also in danger.

Sheba Hospital officials refused to allow Gur to speak with reporters, but the hospital director issued a statement saying: "A surgeon who refuses to treat every person in need of help will be immediately suspended and brought up on charges." He said Gur would be judged "not by his media comments, but



GOVERNMENT bodies will not be able to get information from the criminal registry on cases which have been open for more than a certain number of years, according to regulations approved by the Knesset Law Committee yesterday.

The regulations are meant to prevent people from suffering the consequences of widespread inaccuracies in the registry, caused by the fact that it is not updated regularly. As a result, many cases which are either closed without an indictment being filed or in which the suspect is later acquitted in court remain in the registry as open cases. This can prevent people from getting a job, precountry, or have various other **EVELYN GORDON**

serious consequences.

According to figures given the committee, 265,859 cases opened between 1990 and 1995 are still listed on the criminal registry as open, despite the fact that only 72,553 of these are still under investigation. The remainder have been sent on to prosecutors for review. In addition, there are still 9,175 open cases from 1966-1988.

The police blame this on the prosecutors, aaying prosecutors do not inform them when cases are either closed without an indictment or concluded in court.

The committee therefore decided that none of the bodies norvent them from entering the mally authorized to get information from the criminal registry

will be given this information about felony cases which have been open for four years or more without an indictment heing filed, or about misdemeanor files which have been open for three years or more with no indictment. For minors, the limit will be three years for felonies and one year for misdemeanors.

A few select groups, such as the committee on appointing judges, will he able to receive information from the registry even after these dates, the committee decided. However, there will also be groups for whom the time limit is even stricter: Three years for felonies and two for misdemeanors for adults, and two years for felonies and one for misdemeanors for minors.

Chazan leaves Knesset session after Merom refuses to discuss NII motion LIAT COLLINS service bill for the second time

MK Naomi Chazan (Meretz) stormed out of yesterday's Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee meeting after chairman Haggai Merom (Labor) refused to discuss an urgent motion to the agenda on the National Insurance Institute decision not to pay demobilization grants to Arab girls and Jewish men who complete national voluntary service instead of military service.

The decision was later rescind-Affairs Minister Ora Namir. Methe motion because it does not said he would raise his national

relate to the committee's work. Chazan said the NII's initial decision violated an amendment to the National Service Law. "It is direct discrimination against Jewish and Arab citizens and scores a direct hit against the principle of equality," Chazan

She said it raised the need for a Civilian Service Law to be regised by order of Labor and Social tered alongside the military service law.

today. Eitan called for mandatory service in either the military or civilian sector for all citizens. "As long as there is mandatory national military service, all citizens should be obliged to serve in some form without distinction of sex, race or religion. It's inconceivable that while some serve in the army others are using the time to study at universities. It is

manifestly unfair." Eitan said if mandatory militional service law could be

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Albanian President Sali Berisha visits the Valley of Destroyed Communities at Yad Vashem yesterday, pausing at the names of Albanian cities whose Jewish populations were lost in the

Acre residents vow to keep fighting resettlement of collaborators

JEWISH and Arab residents of Acre vowed yesterday to intensify their campaign against the resettlement of collaborators from the territories in the city.

Deputy Defense Minister Ori Orr urged Acre's residents to drop their opposition to the move and quietly help those who had helped save the lives of many

Real estate

agents now

need licenses

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REAL estate agents will now

have to receive a license from the

Justice Ministry, according to a

law passed by the Knesset this

The legislation was sponsored

by MKs Avraham Poraz (Meretz)

and Haggai Merom (Labor).

Poraz said the law will raise the

level of real estate agents, who

will have to prove themselves in

He said new immigrants have

been exposed to frandulent and

manipulative real estate agents,

and the courts have had no power

to prevent such agents from con-

Merom aaid the law would protect the public from unscruou-

Under the new law, real estate agents will have to pass a set of

examinations on contract, land,

building and planning and tax

laws. Exemptions can be granted

to agents above age 60 or with a

large majority, it was opposed by

former Justice Minister Dan Mer-

idor (Likud) and the chairman of

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Although the law passed by a

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held all over the city during Orr's visit yesterday. In a meeting with , were inming high in the city over Mayor Eli De Castro, Orr stressed , the issue and that both Tewish The pledge was made after that the collaborators and their and Arab residents were opposed families were being resettled in many places throughout the country, not just Acre.

Some residents, however, maintained that the distribution was not equal or fair and that Protest demonstrations were there had been no reports of such

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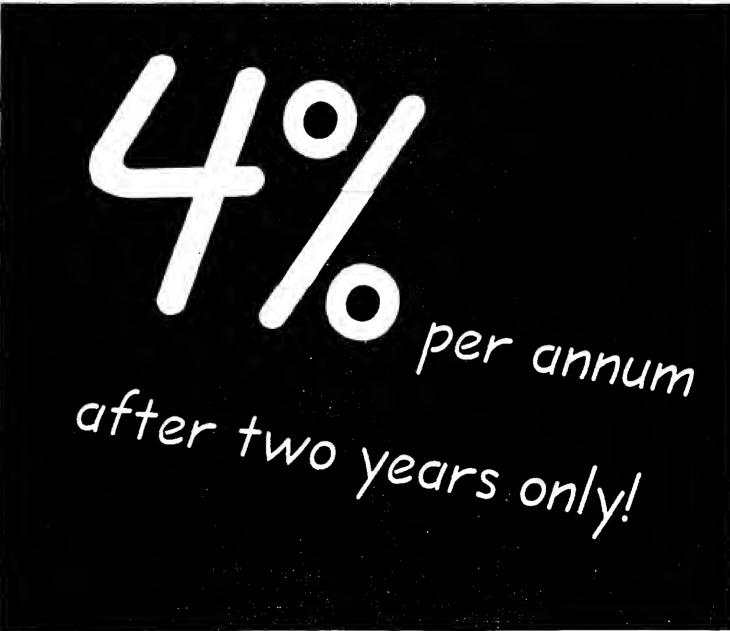
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families being resettled in north Tel Aviv. De Castro warned that tempers

to the newcomers.

He stressed that Acre had enough problems without adding to the burden, and that the issue could upset the harmonious but delicate relationship between

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Animal Rights Day celebrated

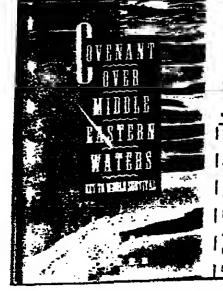
'Country needs more

technology graduates'

EVEN dogs and cats had their day yesterday as the country celebrated Animal Rights Day with special television and radio programs, information booths, petitions calling for increased animal welfare and a special Knesset discussion on the subject.

Environment Minister Yossi Sarid marked the day by releasing two rare wild deer in the Carmel nature reserve and signing a new law which will allow seven animal welfare groups to file cruelty charges on behalf of private citizens.

MK Avraham Poraz (Meretz), a supporter of animal rights and the initiator of the Anti-Cruelty to Animals Law, said the Knesset event was aimed at raising awareness and preventing animal suffering. Liat Collins



The very waters of life, according to the Jewish, Christian and Muslim traditions, are said to flow from the Holy Land of are said to sow from the richy Land of the ancient Middle East region. Yet today's politicians are charting a perillous course: their policies could bury the area under desert sand and concrete, shatter hopes for lasting made and pure a threat far beyond the immediate reality.

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A Greek frigate leaves the Salamina naval base off the port of Piraeus, bound for the eastern Aegean island. Greece and Turkey called on each other to pull back rival warships around the disputed island yesterday.

Greek, Turk warships in standoff over Aegean island

WARSHIPS from Turkey and Greece yesterday warily circled a rocky, east Aegean island. which the two NATO members claim. Each side demanded the other pull back from the area, but with no sign of either doing so.

In Ankara, the Greek ambassador was summoned to the foreign ministry where Turkey called "for the immediate withdrawal of Greek ships" from around the uninhabitated rock

In Athens, Defense Minister Gerassimos Arsenis said: "We do not want escalation of the crisis. If the other side is sincere and also wants de-escalation, it should remove its (military) presence from the area, from our waters, from

Arsenis eharged that a Turkish frigate and helicopter had violated Greek air and sea space in the vicinity of the deserted islet of Imia, and had been warned off by Greek forces in the early morning.

The islet of Imia is Greek and it is the

responsibility of the armed forces to defend Greek territory, and they are in a position to defend it," Arsenis told reporters.

The armed forces are in full readiness to deal with any threat against Greek territory," News agencies **ATHENS**

"We will deal with the crisis with responsi-

bility and self-control. Turkish Foreign Minister Deniz Baykal told

parliament Greece "has put nine commandos on the Kardak rocks. There is no legal document that gives them

the right to do so. Greek officials said that they had 12 ships in the area, and television showed more vessels from frigates to submarines - heading out of

Greek ports for the region. Moscow said it was worried about the possible explosive consequences of tensions over the disputed islet, known by Greece as Imia and by Turkey as Karbak.

The rock, uninhabited except for goats and rabbits, lies between the Turkisb coast and the Greek island of Kalymnos.

We cannot but be worried about the situation in such a delicate and explosive region as the eastern Mediterranean," Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman Grigory Karasin told a

In Athens, Arsenis said Turkey had a MEKO-class frigate, two missile patrol boats and two

ordinary patrol boats near the island and another frigate further off.

The conflict began last week after the captain of a Turkish ship that ran aground on the rock refused to let a Greek belp, saying the territory was Turkisb.

Since then, Turks and Greeks have planted their own country's flag there, ripping down those of their rivals.

Greece's blue and white striped standard now flies over the outcrop and officials said Greek soldiers were on the island and guarding the

A Turkish foreign ministry statement called on the Greek troops "based on the Kardak rocks to be immediately recalled and for all signs that attempt to prove Greek sovereignty to be immediately removed".

Caretaker Prime Minister Tansu Ciller vowed the Greek flag would not stay. "We can't let a foreign flag fly on Turkish soil. The flag will come down." she said.

But she called for a negotiated settlement to

Greece's new Prime Minister Costas Simitis. who took office this month, earlier issued a warning to Ankara that Greece would not besitate to defend the island.

Bosnian women attack Red Cross offices

BOSNIAN police secured Red Cross offices yesterday after Moslem women demanding word of missing family members attacked aid workers and ransacked the building.

"We understand their anger and fully agree with them," Laurent Fellay, head of the International Committee of the Red Cross mission to this northeast Bosnian town, said yesterday. "But violent

acts are of no use." Several hundred refugees from Srebrenica, where up to 8,000 men disappeared after the Moslem enclave fell to Bosnian Serb forces last July, demonstrated outside the Red Cross offices in a desperate bid for

information. When Red Cross workers emerged to talk with them, the women stormed the offices.

"I had to stop the dialogue yesterday, because chairs and all the projectiles were thrown at me," Fellay said yesterday. Police arrived and forced the women out of the building.

Yesterday, about 150 women and children gathered outside the TUZLA

"I have lost everything, but I have seen my husband Almir on TV," shouted 23-year-old Samira Salcinovic through a megaphone.

"That's my only hope."
Others chanted "Dead or alive," referring to the information they sought about their loved ones.

Most of the missing are presumed killed. The Bosnian government tried to link the release of war prisoners to information, about some 20,000 Moslems missing throughout Bosnia, but backed down under pressure.

Several dozen women, resentful that their government released the POWs without getting informa-tion, demonstrated yesterday outside local government offices. Inside the Red Cross building.

30 Bosnian policemen secured offices littered by glass shards, smashed computer terminals and scattered files. The Red Cross attack capped a

day of rioting in Tuzla in which demonstrators stoned the building, blocked traffic and pounded on cars outside UN offices.

Fellay met with a delegation of 10 women yesterday morning, and agreed to meet with them and Bosnian government representa-

tives tomorrow. Meanwhile, preparations to set up a new political structure in Bosnia in accordance with the Dayton peace agreement were

going ahead in Sarajevo yesterday

with two new governments due to be elected. The Bosnian parliament was due to meet to choose a new central government for the post-war state, one whose remit will include foreign affairs, interna-

tional trade and justice. The parliament of the Moslem-Croat federation - one of two new internal "entities" set up under the agreement - was also due to choose a government to run domestic affairs in its part of Bosnia. The second "entity" is for the Bosnian Serbs.

Under the agreement thrashed out in Dayton, Ohio, in November, the Bosnian Serbs will eventually get at least onethird of the posts in the new central government, after nationwide elections to be held by September.

China warns Taiwan not to promote independence

revived a year-old proposal for courting Taiwan first by a Taiwanese president - Beijing canceled while warning the island not to use its March presi-talks with Taiwan, repeated threats to retake it by dential election to promote independence.

Li offered no concessions for easing:Taiwan-China tensinns, now at their worst in about a decade. Foreign Ministry spokesman Chen Jian made it clear. Beijing was waiting for Taiwan to "renounce any actions aimed at splitting the motherland."

But the premier also did not put forward a timetable for reunifying China with the island it considers a rebel province: Hong Kong media reported Li would, citing a senior Chinese official in charge of dealing

Taiwanese feared the schedule would really be an ultimatum to join the mainland or fight its military. Taiwan's stock exchange dropped 169 points, 3.48 percent, Monday, but rebounded 1115 points yesterday after Li's speech.

Li spoke at a ceremony in Beijing's Great Hall of the People to mark the anniversary of Communist Party General Secretary Jiang Zemin's eight-point proposal for reunification.

A year ago, Taiwanese leaders responded coolly to Jiane's call and instead continued to engage in internation tional diplomacy to raise the Mainland's separate status. 11 1 chairman; of the cabinet level. Mainland Affairs Frustrated by the rebuff and by Taiyan President Commeil on the or or the street

BEIJING (AP) - Chinese Premier Li Peng yesterday Lee Teng-hin's visit to the United States in June - a talks with Taiwan, repeated threats to retake it by force and held a series of military exercises and missile tests near the island.

Although Li restated Jiang's appeal to end hostility, he did not renew the party chief's invitation to Taiwan leaders to visit China, nor did he urge high-

Li indicated those would have to wait until Beijing was satisfied Taiwan was not pursuing independence. He threatened Beijing would use force to recover Taiwan if it declares independence or if "any foreign anti-Chinese power" encourages it to do so.

Li also restated that elections on Taiwan will not alter its status as a part of China. "It will lead nowhere if some people attempt to use

the change of Taiwan leaders as an excuse to put their separatist activities in a legal guise," he said. Taiwan rebuffed Li's remarks about presidential elections and called on Beijing to resume semiofficial

talks with Taipei. "The presidential election follows request of public opinious and the world trend, and it bas nothing to do Taiwan independence," said Kao Koong-lian, acting

Fire destroys landmark Venice opera house

VENICE (AP) - A fire gutted the opera bouse La Fenice, a 204year-old jewel that was one of Italy's greatest artistic institutions scene of the Verdi's Rigoletto and La Traviata. Hours after the blaze was put

out, smoke continued to pour from the opera bouse's marble facade. Charred beams leaned crazily against the interior shell. Fire tubes snaked along the alleywaves from nearby canals.

News media quoted officials as

saying damage could be as high as 300 billion lire (NIS 560 million). The government said it would immediately turn over 20 billion lire (NIS 37.5 million) for repairs. "We've lost the best thing of

Venice," said Albino Strighetta, a gondolier. "The people of Venice" are completely demoralized."

One firefighter was slightly injured. The artistic company was

in Warsaw at the start of a longawaited international tour. They immediately returned to inspect the devastation of the theater, near the Grand Canal a five minute walk from St. Mark's Square.

say what the cause might be

Newspapers said a short-circuit may have set off the blaze. Mayor Massimo Cacciari said that work was being done on the electrical system on an upper level, where the fire is believed to

have broken out. He also said the old fire protection system had been deactivated

installed. 'The surveillance wasn't enough," the mayor told a Authorities did not immediately news conference yesterday. But there couldn't be a every room and every box of La Fenice.

The building, closed in August for repairs, was to reopen in March with a performance of Mozart's Don Giovanni and a jazz concert by Woody Allen. Local officials said part of the work involved an anti-fire system.

Britain bluntly rejects China cracks Sinn Fein demands

from Sinn Fein; the IRA's political arm, that it scrap a proposal for elections in Northern Ireland in favor of immediate all-party

"No, the answer to that is no." Britain's minister for the province, Sir Patrick Maybew. told reporters after talks with Sinn Fein head Gerry Adams called at short notice to try to calm nation-: alist anger over Britain's election At the 75-minute meeting

Adams urged Mayhew to-drop the idea, which was put forward last week to the annoyance of the Dublin government.

Sinn Fein says elections are a further device by London to stail the group's involvement in talks. aimed at turning 17-month truces by rival guerrilla groups into a permanent peace.

Adams also said it was unrealis-tic to expect the IRA to hand in their huge caches of weapons before such talks. Britain says rival guerrillas, who fought for 25 years over the future of British rule, must disarm to prove their commitment to peace.

BELFAST (Reuter) - Britain yes-terday bluntly rejected demands from the British government's point of view is for (Prime Minister) John Major to publicly retract on the election diversion...and also to publicly drop his preconditions for an IRA surrender of weapons," Adams said.

Britain says that since the hanned IRA and Protestant Loyalists refuse to bow to its demand for a weapons hand over before talks, an election might be an alternative way to create a climate for progress on the

What the Prime Minister (John Major) has said is it's all about confidence...that people sitting around the negotiating table are committed to democratie and peaceful means," Mayhew said. Maybew assured the pro-Irish

Catholic minority that elections would not herald a return to oneparty rule by the Protestant majority, which held sway in the old-"Stormont" parliament near Belfast until London abolished it in 1972.

"It is (an) election to the talks process. We don't envisage an assembly or anything with ... exc-utive powers," he said.

down on Nazi mementos

BEUING (Reuter) - Police have shut down a Beijing business that state television said was selling replicas of Nazi swastika medals, flags, gas masks, helmets, clothing and other Third Reich military items -weapons." "everything but

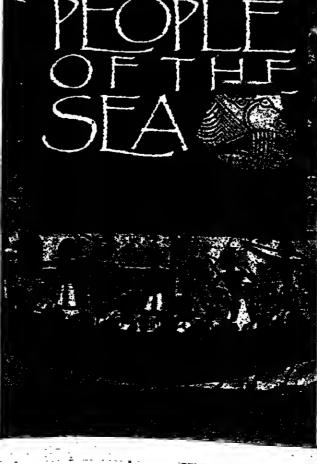
German diplomats in Beijing were caught by surprise by the evening news broadcast, saying Nazi revivalism was virtually unheard of in China.

This is worrying, one diplomat said yesterday. This must mean there is a wider problem or they (the government) would not be reporting it so widely. They would be keeping it quiet.

"In China it's crazy," the diplomat added. "You always have a few nuts in the US and Canada, but here? It's weird."

State television quoted police as saying promotion of Nazi goods and Fascist ideology was "seriously illegal behavior.

Spokesman Mark Regev of the Israeli embassy said Israel supported China's anti-Nazi efforts.



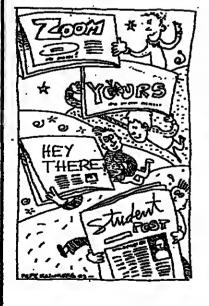
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ALESTINIANS may agree that their elections were the start of a new political future, but two weeks after the poll there is still widespread confusion over the exact functions of the elected Palestinian Authority council, and over just how many ministers will be appointed.

Political sources say Yasser Arafat will meet over Ramadan with individual council members, but will convene the council officially only after the holy month when he will appoint his cabinet. The council would then elect its

Originally, the cabinet was slated to be 24-strong, plus the leader himself, but PA officials say Arafat may appoint up to 30 min-isters to satisfy everybody. Ahmed Edik, the elected Fatah

candidate for the Salfit district, said that while Arafat will appoint all ministers, election law says 80 percent of the cabinet must be chosen from within the elected council and it must be approved by the council. But he was unsure whether the council could in theory veto Arafat's choice.

Most of the former Palestinian Authority ministers who ran for election won except for Zakaria Agha from Gaza and Abdel Afif Ashab from Hebron. Arafat will probably reappoint the winners and then choose the rest after discussions with council members, a PA official said.

Arafat can appoint 20 percent of the cabinet from outside the council. Edik said Palestinians disagree on whom he might choose. He could give these seats to members of the PLO Executive Committee, or offer one or two seats to Hamas moderates, a PA official said. But Fatah activists

do not think he can give cabinet

seats to Hamas members who did

not take part in the elections. Edik said Arafat might appoint ooe or two of the few elected Hamas sympathizers on the council. rather than take Hamas people from outside it.

Most Fatah activists agree that Arafat has oo ohligatioo to include any Hamas people, since the organizatioo boycotted the

"Had they participated and lost, join the government. Since they didn't, Arafat doesn't need to offer them anything," one PA offi-

All agree that Hamas and other opposition groups suffered a convincing defeat. In Hebron, Hamas distributed leaflets house-tohouse thanking people for not run-ning as candidates and urging them not to vote. Yet over 75 percent of the voters turned out any-

They wanted to boycott the PA, but in fact they boycotted the will of the people," one official said. Edik himself believes the military wing of Hamas has been weakened and that Hamas will

now attempt to form a party to participate in the political process. Hamas leaders have decided to run for municipal elections in March and is encouraging its people to take civil service jobs in the Palestinian administration, he

Edik, a local Fatah activist, was deported in 1988 and returned after Oslo 1. He is married to the daughter of the assassinated PLO No. 2, Abu Jihad.

He sees the election results as a clear vote of confidence for the peace process. The fact that all Fatah candidates on Arafat's list who came from abroad were elected he saw as a sign that the voters trust their efforts in the negotiations.

During the election campaign local Fatah activists had mocked the chances of those coming from outside. They were dubbed olim hadashim (Hebrew for "new immigrants"), and many local Fatah candidates running independently resented Arafat including the newcomers rather than themselves on his list.

The results reassured PA members who came from abroad and who had been involved in the negotiations that they had won the trust of the people, said PA Maj-Gen. Abdel Razak al-Yahiya. Yahiya headed the Palestinian delegation to the security talks in Oslo 1 and 2 and cochairs the Israeli-Palestinian committee supervising redeployment.

Yahiya said Arafat and the autonomy agreement will now receive backing from within the council, since many PLO members involved in the negotiations to be involved in the final status oegotiations.

Peres, Arafat still balk over Hamas

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sion, and is the movement any

more ready to lay down its

weapons after the elections than it

Peres and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat met immediarely after the Palestinian elections. It was not difficult to guess the topics on the agenda - convening the Palestinian National Council to change its charter, and containing Hamas.

After Arafat's landslide in the elections, he should now be more relaxed about summoning the PNC. Before, he was wary of so doing since it was the only body with the potential anthority to

Now that he has been seen to be chosen by the Palestinians in an alternative way, one that undermines the legitimacy of the PNC. the former "parliament in exile" is idly becoming obsolete.

What remains is the question of whether there is a sufficient majority in the PNC to amend the Covenant.

The elections demonstrated that

not exactly the strongest attribute of the Palestinian Authority, and Arafat could easily nominate a 'correct' composition of the new PNC to enable it to carry out the

The second item on the Arafat-Peres agenda - Hamas - is the bigger problem. The election turnout did little to comfort Hamas. The high number of vot-ers who spurned its call for a boycott proved that Hamas had lost the street to the PA, especially in its old hotbed, Gaza. The Gaza voters ignored the boycon which was underscored by the Hamas leaders' decision not to run.

The Palestinians in the territories accepted the Oslo agreements and rejected the Hamas program. Peres undoubtedly emphasized this analysis to Arafat in his demand to fight Hamas terrorism. Of course the real question is,

did Hamas reach the same conclu-

was before? Two conflicting messages came from Hamas. In Amman, the "exiled" polithuro announced that

the elections were a fraud and illegitimate. But a day later the internal" Hamas leader, Sheikh Ahmad Yassin, congratulated Arafat on his victory. This indicates that the internal conflict within Hamas remains

unchanged. The politburo refuses to reach agreement with Arafat to call off terrorism and join the peace process, while the internal leaders are ready to join the PA, and let Arafat bandle the negotiations with Israel.

The high turnout in Gaza strengthened the position of the

that outside the territories, since their analysis had proved to be correct - Gazans would not be inclined to comply with the boy-cott call and hence it would be better for Hamas to participate. But the problem is that the

orders from the politburo - not from Sheikh Yassin. Peres would be keen to investigate with Arafat whether, under his influence, the internal leaders are ready to agree to a hudna

Izzadin el-Kassam brigades take

Israel might facilitate this by freeing Sheikh Yassin. A Hamas cease-fire would be a striking achievement for Peres to deliver in an Israeli election year.

(cease-fire).

Yet the serious question remains whether a call for hudna, even by Sheikh Yassin, would be obeyed by Izzadin el-Kassam. It should be remembered how the militarits have ignored the sheikh's calls for

IDF soldiers in the past.

The conflicting Hamas responses to the Palestinian elections confirmed that nothing has changed.
At the heart of the dispute between Sheikh Yassin's people and the politburo are attitudes to Arafat. Sheikh Yassin is ready to accept him but the external leaders are not.

If a cease-fire is a top Peres priority, these hardliners may insist that he approach them directly without Arafat's mediation or involvement. On the other hand, Sheikh Yassin will refrain from talking to the Israelis, leaving the

job to Arafat. The Hamas internal conflict could transform a hudna proclamation into an exit ceremony for the whole organization. But the indications are that the external Hamas hardliners are not done proving that they still call the

Taiwan nor ependence



PA head Yasser Arafat meets with Jordanian Prime Minister Zeid Ben Shaker Sunday in his first visit to Jordan since he was elected president. The meeting was held shortly before Arafat left for Sweden.

Accords raise fears of Lebanon-Syria union

They cover investment, taxation,

ooperation accords signed over the weekend between Lebanon and neighboring Syria have stoked fears among some Lebanese that Syria might be cootemplating a union.

"Beware of the dreams of coordination and union," wrote Ghassan Tueini, the outspoken publisher of Lebanon's prestigious independent An-Nahar

Such dreams could "be shattered on the rocks of freedom and reality." he wrote in a front-page editorial published Monday. Raymond Edde, a Maronite

Catholic opposition leader, echoed similar sentiments in an article in An-Nahar, calling on the Lebanese to peacefully confront what he called the "crime of agreements."

"Lebanon's independence and sovereignty are in danger. Syria's dream bas always been to achieve unity at Lebanon's expense in order to create Greater Syria," wrote Edde, a harsh critic of Syrian policies in Lebanon who has lived in exile in France since

Presidents Elias Hrawi of Lebanon and Hafez Assad of Syria signed four accords in Damascus over the weekend.

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the establishment of joint border. The two Arab states are already bound by a Treaty of Brotherhood, Cooperation and

social cooperation and provide for

Coordination signed in 1991. Syria has 40,000 troops stationed in Lebanon. It is the undisputed political power in Lebanon and oversees the country's domestic and foreign policies.

Assad, however, has repeatedly stated that he had no wish to force a union with Lebanon, parts of which were under Syrian control

until the present century.

Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, who heads a pro-Syrian government, has defended the accords, saying they "consecrated the reality of sincere and constructive cooperation ... between the two countries."

However, addressing the leaders of the two countries, Theini said: "Slow down, slow down, gentlemen. Let's be satisfied with coordination in foreign policy for the time being ... and not be swept by our emotions and dreams about

"A free dialogue, without fear, repression or intimidation, is required," he added.

TOTAL:

Saudis appoint finance minister **NEWS AGENCIES**

his week, King Fahd of Saudi Arabia appointed a new finance and economy minister, the country's fourth in six months.

The official Saudi Press Agency said that the king named Ibrahim Abdel Aziz al-Asaf to the post. Asaf is a former deputy governor of the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency central bank. He was appointed to the cabinet only a

King Fahd, 74, handed over the reins of government to Crown Prince Abdullah on January 1 for an indefinite period. King Fahd is recovering from a stroke he had in November, but he made it clear that he is oot abdicating as monarch of the world's largest oil

producer and exporter. The king replaced veteran Saudi finance minister Sheikh Mohammad Ali Abal-Khail last August in the biggest cabinet reshuffle for 20 years, seen as a signal that the country was pressing ahead with long-promised economic reforms.

The new minister, Suleiman hin Abdul Aziz al-Suleim, resigned in October on health grounds and was replaced by a veteran confidant and troubleshooter, Abdul-Aziz bin Abdullah al-Khoweiter, as acting finance minister.

Diplomats said it was unlikely that the new finance minister would depart from the policies set in Sandi Arabia's sixth five-year economic plan, which was

PEACEMAKERS. PEACEMAKING?

approved last July for the period up to the year 2000. The plan aims to reduce the

kingdom's dependence on oil and encourage a greater role in the economy for the private sector.
Three-quarters of government income currently derives from Saudi Arabia's crude oil and petroleum product exports.

The country now pumps eight million barrels of oil per day, all but one million of which is exported, mostly to Europe, the US and Japan. It has the capacity to produce an additional two mil-

Meanwhile, Crown Prince Abdullah is continuing the monarch's policies and there is no rift in the royal family about the succession, the king's brother, who serves as the defense minister, said in an interview published this week.

"In times of plenty, we disperse, like camels grazing in the spring pastures - hut as soon as a challenge arises, we come together again," Prince Sultan hin Abdul Aziz told the Asharq Al-Awsat King Fahd's illness has raised

speculation that he may step down or be seriously ill, causing a succession crisis. But Sultan stressed that the rules

of succession were clear and wellestablished and that there is no

by Shimon Peres. Being at the core of lensel's political tile since the establishment of the State, Shimon Peres gives in his

dispute within the extended al-Saud family on the issue. Sultan said nothing about the king's health or how long he will need to recuperate.

He stressed that foreign press reports that the traditionalist Abdullah was going "to steer the kingdom away from the West in general and the United States in particular" were untrue.

He said the reports stemmed from ignorance or envy of Saudi Arabia's "prosperity and stabili-

Fahd's reign has been marked by rapid modernization and close ties with the US, while the crown prince is more conservative and most at home with the Beduin in the kingdom's desert heartland.

Abdullah has, on occasion, been critical of Saudi Arabia's alliance with the US, but he is not considered anti-American.

Sultan told Asharg Al-Awsat that describing the present period in Saudi Arabia as "transitional" was

wrong.
Rather, he said, it is a continuation of the "wise policies" that were "drawn in the service of the people" hy Fahd.

On another key issue, he told Ashara Al-Awsat that Saudi Arabia wants "the best relations possible" with Iran, with which the kingdom has long been at

odds. Iran, which considers itself a revolutionary beacon for the Islamic world, is predominantly Shiite Moslem, while Saudi Arabia is predominantly Sunni

Cairo law offends liberals, militants

The Egyptian government, wavering between liberals and Moslem fundamentalists, has stirred up a hornet's nest with a law designed to stop the fundamentalists imposing their social agenda through the courts.

But it has seriously backfired, leaving liberals enraged and the government with egg on its face. The issue at stake is the right of individuals to harass their ideological rivals through the courts on behalf of society as a whole.

The law gives the public prosecutor's office the right to vet such suits before they reach courts which deal with family law.

In a famous case, fundamentalist vigilantes last year persuaded the courts to separate prominent academic Nasr Abu Zeid from his wife against their will, because his writ-

ings made him an apostate. Egyptian cartoonists had a bali with the issue this week. In one cartoon, the sports minister asks a bearded Moslem militant sheikh to apply to the courts for a divorce between Egypt's national football

team and its foreign manager. The cartoon in al-Akhbar newspaper was one of several poking fun at fundamentalists who have used the legal procedure, known by the technical Arabic term hisba-

(proxy or guardianship). But liberals said the government had made matters worse by introducing the term hisba into the draft. Intellectuals and human right groups said the government was humoring the Moslem fanatics through what they called halfheart-

ed amendments. But one of the most lingious fundamentalists, former member of parliament Youssef al-Badri, also criticized the draft. "If a man rapes a woman doesn't he get punished by the state? If one citizen kills another. doesn't he get punished? So why is

gets away with it?" Badri said. Saced al-Ashmawi, a former dge, said: "The draft law is very bad. By this procedure, the legislator is compromising with the militants and giving them a legal instrument to threaten and intimidate society, mainly writers, artists and thinkers.

it, when someone insults Islam, he'

Diplomat's killer appeals

ON January 22, Arif Mustafa Talis, who was convicted of killing a French military attache in Lebanon, admitted at the military appeal court that Hizbullah and Sheikh Mendi Shehade had ordered him to murder a French citizen.

Talis rold the head of the court, Amil Nasser, that the order came as a response to the 1983 bombing of the Baalbek area by French warplanes which resulted in several deaths. Legal sources said that on January 23, the military appeal court concluded its examination of the trial of Talis who was convicted of killing the attache on September 18, 1986. The appeal verdict will be delivered on April 4.

The trial of Talis, a former soldier in the Lebanese Army, was referred to the appeal court by request of the anomey-general and defense lawyers. They originally asked the coun to overnm the death penalty handed down by a court martial against Talis on April 13, 1994. (Radio Free Lebanon)

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A question of blame

T is difficult not to sympathize with Fatah spokesman Kadura Mousa who wondered Lyesterday why the Palestinian Authority was being blamed for the killing of Ehud Tal. After all, Israelis should know better than anyone that no security service and no authority can control every murderous fanatic. And, as Mousa put it, the incident occurred in an area controlled by Israelis. Hnw could the PA prevent it?

At first glance, he has a point. It may be human nature to point a finger of blame when murder is committed, but the flurry of accusations which follow every terrorist act lack credibility. The PA did not send Mahmoud Siriyeb on his murderous mission yesterday, and it is even doubtful that Hamas did, although he belongs to the Islamic organization and has a record of terrorist activity.

Yet Fatah's protests of innocence are disingenunus, and Israel's charge is eminently justified. It is indeed the Arafat regime in the territories, and no one else, that is guilty of continued terrorism. Like all Palestinian terrorists, whether acting within an organizational framework or alone, Siriyeh committed murder because be knew be would be a hero to his people.

And no one is more responsible for making him feel this way than Yasser Arafat himself, who lionizes and glorifies terrorists consistently and passionately. If the atmosphere in the selfrule areas breeds, nurtures and encourages terrorism, it is Arafat's doing.

This does not mean that Arafat wants events like yesterday's murder to occur just now. On the contrary. He bas done his best to put a halt to terrorism until he can attain whatever he can from Israel without violence. For this, he has concluded an agreement with Hamas in Cairo, which obligates Hamas not to launch operations from areas he rules. His forces have acted to prevent hits against Israel by PLO factions and the Islamic Jihad, and the Palestinian Police has even confiscated weapons from some known Islamic activists who might act independently.

But Arafat has not touched the terrorist infrastructure. The terrorist militias have, in fact, gathered strength and expertise, according to army intelligence. More important, Arafat winner of the Nobel Peace Prize - has yet to say one word to his people against violence. If anything, his rhetoric during the recent Palestinian election campaign, like his speeches on entering Jenin, Nablus and Bethlehem, repeated the familiar expressions of admiratinn and homage to past and current "martyrs." No one among his listeners has doubts about the meaning of such expressions, nor about his call to "keep the oath," and "stay on the mountain."

Clearly, Arafat wants to keep the revolutionary fervor at fever pitch, and he has no intention of cooling it by selling the idea of peace and coexistence. As deputy chief of army intelligence Brig.-Gen. Ya'acov Amidror told the cabinet meeting on Sunday, "Arafat is not implanting the concept of peace in Palestinian society. Nor is be trying to make his people understand that the most they can aspire to is [Israeli withdrawal to] the 1967 borders. This policy leaves in the consciousness of the Palestinian multitudes the 'plan of phases' [for the destruction of Israel]."

It is, then, less than convincing to bold the PA. responsible for terrorism only when an Israeli is murdered. A government which says nothing about Arafat's incitement, or the honor his regime has bestowed on such murderers as Yihye Ayyash and other "martyrs," or the Palestinian education curriculum which ignores Israel's existence, or the bundreds of other manifestations of aggression and hostility against Israel sanctioned and encouraged by the PA can hardly single out one murder as a reason to blame its peace partner.

The Ethiopian challenge Ine Ethiopian challenge truth. It is our last chance to for the larger parties, so as not to appraise the serious defects of a waste their votes. THE pouncing of the world media on the Ethiopian population to prevent neighborhood and tapping and tapping and tapping and the direct election of the world media on the Ethiopian population to prevent neighborhood and tapping demonstration as proof in which it now lives from becoming the tops.

which has spent the last three years

doing little nther than abuse the

The residents of Judea and Sa-

maria feel abandoned by their gov-

ernment, and rightly so. It is high

time that the Israeli left dispose of

its extremists and move back into

THE FEPZ

azine of January 17 about the Wall

Street Journal is pathetically off the

mark. Of all major newspapers, the

WSJ has the only editorial page which is consistently pro-Israel. Its

articles nn Israel are balanced and

don't focus on irrelevant minutiae.

The fact that it doesn't have a full-

time burean (according to your arti-

cle) is a blessing in disguise. Those papers that have bureaus print a lot

of articles which make their way to

the Eye on the Media column. The

reason is obvious: the reporter has to

I read the WSJ articles about the

FEPZ. They were neither "sicken-

ing" nor "pathetic." They focused

on the government's lack of consis-

tent policies and the constant chang-

Ynu seem to have it in for the

promoters of the FEPZ. In the end it

was the government that agreed to

the deal. If you don't like the FEPZ

idea, then you should focus your

venom nn the government, which

embraced the idea and approved it.

salem Post, while politically right of

center, still adheres to the views of

its previous owners on economic

Is this the way to treat friends?

DAVID BLANK

It is rather strange that The Jeru-

publish to justify the bureau.

ing of the rules.

Sir, - Your article in Money Mag-

Freeman Center for Strategic Studies

YEHUDA POCH.

violent Ethiopian demonstration as proof of racism in this country was perhaps understandable. It is a label many would like to pin on Israel. But it should not deflect the government from the real challenge the immi-

gration from Ethiopia poses.

If Israel is guilty of anything it is of a tendency to patronize immigrants from lessdeveloped countries. To use donated Ethiopian blood would have been a dangerous mistake. But the Ethiopians should have been granted the right and the dignity to understand the reason for such discrimination, which has nothing to do with racism.

What the Ethiopian community needs is not the privilege of donating blood but for the government to take vigorous steps toward full integration. This means the dispersion of the

Sir, - In response to David New-

man's diatribe in the Post of January

17 ("The settlers cannot win"), I

find it outrageous that he seems to

have little or an concern for the future of 150,000 Israeli heroes. His

npinion that the residents of Judea

and Samaria serve Peres's agenda

by acting as "facts on the ground"

indeed describes a victory of im-

mense proportions for the settlement

But in two areas, Newman shows

just bow selfish and lacking in Jew-

ish morals the left has become. First,

he complains that Prime Minister

Peres prefers to talk to the settlers

rather than delegitimize them as

prime minister Rabin did. This was

only true in the first weeks of Per-

es's administration, when he still

had to consolidate his hald on pow-

er. Since then, he has imprisoned a

larger number of Jewish residents of

Judea and Samaria for no reason,

refusing them any nf their democrat-

ic rights, such as a speedy trial, or

specification of charges. To wit, the

Second, Newman claims that any

move to evict residents from their

hnmes in Judea and Samaria will

result in inter-Jewish violence,

something of which all Israelis now

the part of the extreme left in order

in further delegitimize these heroes

of Israel. But for the sake of argu-

ment, let us assume that such vio-

lence does take place, God forbid.

Newman assumes that this will be

the fault of the residents themselves,

who should instead agree to aban-

don their homes peacefully, and

with them a large part of Eretz Yis-

rael for a peace agreement that only

brings Israel closer to war. In truth.

however, such violence, if it does

occur, will be the fault of the gov-

ernment, both under Rabin and un-

der Peres. It is this government Jerusalem.

This is pure scaremongering on

case of Shmuel Cytryn.

"live in fear."

movement as a whole.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR I

THE SETTLERS' FATE

residents.

the Zionist realm.

Willowdale (Toronto).

in which it now lives from becoming ghettos; understanding the cultural differences which handicap Ethiopian children in school and providing them with proper help; letting Ethiopian children pursue academic directions; affording adult Ethiopians job training opportunities; and the total removal of all religious limitations due to the rabbinate's doubts about their Jewishness. It is unthinkable that an Ethiopian should be Jewish enough to serve in the army, but not quite as Jewish as other Israelis for the purpose of marriage.

The Ethiopian problem can and must be resolved, if for no other reason that the community is avidly patriotic and eager to integrate into Israeli society. All that is needed is good will and the kind of sensitivity which hitherto has been sorely missing.

STATISM IN ISRAEL

the characterization by columnist Sever Plotzker of the "economic

ideology" of Prime Minister Shi-

mon Peres (Money Magazine, Janu-

ary 10). After noting Peres's total

confusion and the fact that Peres

claims to be in favor of socialism

and free markets at one and the same

time, Plotzker goes on to explain

that in fact, Peres, like Rabin, has no

ideology at all except growth, full employment, low inflation and good

social services. The only things he

left out were motherhood and oppo-

bin, is totally devoted to statism,

where the government controls, or is at least involved in, as much of the

process of national resource alloca-

tion as possible. The government of

the Labor Party (and the Liked was

no better on this) is completely op-

posed to privatization, unless of

course a company can be "priva-

tized" while being transferred to the

friendly hands of political allies or

while retaining its monopoly posi-

tion. Beyond chanting the word "growth" like a Buddhist mantra,

the Labor-Meretz government con-

tinues to insist on exercising the

whole range of anti-growth controls

and programs, And its real dedica-

tion to "healthy public services"

and privatization can be seen in the

immense boondoggle of the Nation-

al Health Insurance Law, whose

damages are only now becoming

apparent, or the NIS 100 billion

bailout of the Histadrat's insolvent

In contrast with Plotzker's naive

belief that such statism "works"

and that Israel will prove to be the

first country in human history to

STEVEN PLAUT

pension funds.

been attempted.

This is nonsense. Peres, like Ra-

sition to car accidents.

Sir - Allow me to take issue with



Beware false remedies

our years ago after midnight, on January 8, 1992, the Knesset, disregarding the accepted practice of democracies that constitutional changes should be both cautious and incremental. passed a bill providing for a radi-cal change in Israel's system of

According to the bill Israel would retain the parliamentary system, but the prime minister, rather than being confirmed by the Knesset, as is the case in all parliamentary democracies and as has been the practice in Israel since the state was founded, would be elect-

ed by direct popular vote.

This bybrid system, improved anywhere in the world, passed the Knesset by a single vote margin - 57 to 56 - as if it represented no more than a trivial change in some existing law, without even notaining the support of an absolute majority of the 120 members of

The majority of Knesset members were actually opposed to the bill, but "party discipline" was invoked, and it carried the day. To soften the blow the promoters of the bill decided to postpone its implementation until the 1996

But as these elections approach we are now facing the moment of truth. It is our last chance to

The most obvious disadvantages .of the system are:

· It provides for none of the checks and balances considered necessary in a system in which central authority is vested in the chief executive (the directly elected prime minister). The best known executive system of government, that of the US, provides for a clear division between the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government, and for extensive checks and balances, involving the federal congress as well as state governments, that

MOSHE ARENS greatly restrict and limit the power

of the executive. · It gives controlling leverage to small but disciplined groups in the electorate. The Israeli political scene is characterized by a number of small but highly cohesive and disciplined parties. The sup-port of any one of them is likely to

tion for prime minister. It can be expected that under the new system, there will be fero-cious political bargaining prior to

be crucial in determining the elec-

It isn't too late to . . abolish the direct election of the premier law

the election, and that the final result will be determined by members of a small party voting en bloc in accordance with a deal struck between their leadership; and one of the candidates.

· It promotes the existence of a multiplicity of small parties. In recent elections most voters, realizing that the influence of small parties was likely to be small, have exhibited a tendency to vote

that many voters, having cast their vote for one of the candidates for prime minister, will feel more inclined to vote for one of the small parties closest to their bearts.

It creates the possibility of a ister and parliament. It is easy to visualize the ensuing difficulties should the elected prime minister turn out not to bave majority Knesset support. Under the prehis continued exercise of power.

THE BILL for direct election of the premier passed in an atmosphere of disrespect for politicians and the political system that came to a head after the break-up of the national unity government in March 1990, and the extensive and ugly political haggling that

Although legislation is called for in order to carb such behavior (some has already been passed in the Knesset), the rush to indict the system of government under which we have lived for almost half a century seems precipitate and injudicious. In retrospect, our system of government has managed to steer the country quite satisfactorily though the wars and crises of these years, including the recent assassination of our prime minister.

minister.

The outstanding problem of coalition forming (a problem for all forms of democratic govern-. ment) has been the relatively large number of parties represented in the Knesset.

The obvious way to deal with this problem is to increase the minimum threshold vote required for a party to gain representation. Until the last election that

threshold was only 1 percent-lower than in most other democracies. The increase water one-and-a-half percent voted before the last election has already reduced significantly the number of parties represented in the present Knesset and considerably eased the problem of forming a government coalition. A further increase in the threshold is likely to minimize the problem further. On the other hand, direct election of the prime minister is likely to exacerbate it.

It is not too late to abolish the law for the direct election of the prime minister, a false remedy that is most likely a poison pill.

The writer is a former defense

sent system, support of a majority of MKs is the condition for the election of the prime minister and

Hopes that lie in tatters

TT was extremely cold and windy in Leningrad this winter," Boris recalls. "I am no longer used to such a climate." He had just returned from his first visit after his aliya six years ago.
"The town was lit up for the

New Year, friends kissed and shook hands, but there was little sincere joy, few expectations. Most of the people I know doubt that this year will be any easier than the last.

"The political situation is tenser and more complex than ever. The present sick and alcoholic leadership is mistrusted, and there are many sad jokes about it. Other aspirants tn power project no well-defined policy, except for their thirst for power.

"People are tired of promises, and many seek consolation in religion. Most worry about where their next meal is coming from. My nld friends are finding it very hard to make a living." Boris flew to Leningrad to meet

his sister, married to a Russian. They live on tiny pensions, and find all their money gone long before the month is out. They peddle whatever they can.

Boris visited the office where he used to work and found many nf his former colleagues ready for any menial job to supplement their meager salaries.

There was an overwhelming sadness in the air, a feeling nf hopelessness and betrayal," says Boris. There is heavy unemployment, in particular among academicians and intellectuals. They are simply wasting their time and

knowledge.

Housing conditions are a disgrace. Public transport is awful, you can wait hours for a bus. True, ynn can now purchase whatever

ALEXANDER ZVIELLI your heart desires, but luxuries are nnt of ordinary people'a reach."

"There are strong feelings against wealthy and powerful foreigners and against speculators who flaunt their fortunes. Jews are being singled out as parasites. In

Leningrad and returned suffused with sadness

Boris went back to

meral, the lot of the average Russian is now harder than ever." What worries Boris most is that people who remember the positive aspects of the previous regime have quickly forgotten the nega-

"They remember full employment, and forget that it was the Gulag that regulated the Soviet labor market. They remember free education, and inexpensive cultural activities. They remember the order, but forget the fear. They recall with pride the Soviet Union's achievements, forgetting the censor, the intimidation, and the tightly closed borders."

I CAN recall my own unforgettable Gulag experiences in 1939-1941. Near the Pechora and Workuta mines I had a unique opportunity to meet the cream of Soviet society - the former generals and beroes of the Soviet Union, the high government officials and university professors, all nf whom eventually became Stalin's victims, and were lucky to escape execution, sentenced instead to long terms of Gulag There they were free to talk to

me, another "enemy of the peo-ple," a victim of the 1939 Soviet occupation of Eastern Poland. To them, my memories were like a breath of fresh air from the free world, while to me their bopes were an interesting speculation.
"A day must come," they used to

repeat over and over again, sometimes looking over their shoulders, when this oppression will end. A new leader will arise. He will gather the courage to overthrow our appressive bureancracy, eliminate the Gulag, promote private initiative and stop waste. "Russia," they claimed almost

unanimously, "could become the wealthiest country in the world. It has unlimited and as-yet unexploited treasures of gold, oil, iron, and coal. All we lack is a progressive and democratic regime." "It is foolish to use hundreds of Gulag prisoners when a single earthmover can work more quick-ly and efficiently. Free Russia will quickly outdo America and assure prosperity and success for our people."

Such were the hopes which kept these people alive. Such were their hopes when, mobilized and restored to their former ranks, at least temporarily, they beat the Nazi invasion. Such were still their hopes when they returned home, to confront new waves of

Then, just when the Soviet Union was on the brink of total bankruptcy, an imaginative leader did indeed arise. A grand revolution took place.

So what happened to all those great hopes? Were they just wishful thinking? Boris shrugs his shoulders, sad-

ness in his eyes.

The writer is a freelancer.

POSTSCRIPT

spend its way into prosperity with government budgets and socialist PETER SEDORE shot a hole-incontrols, the dirigisme is a failure bere as it is everywhere else it has one. Then, he died.

Sedore, 83, got his 18th career

hole-in-one in Hemet, California A bole later, be died of an aneurysm.

"There was no other way be

would have wanted it," said Sedore's son. "Maybe God wanted him to do it one more time before

You can't hide the differences

GAD YA'ACOBI

LASPORA Jewry is facing a new reality. In the past, solidarity with stemmed from the perisrael ceived obligation to support Israel in times of emergency or

challenge. With the disappearance of the existential threat to Israel and the progress toward peace, Jews abroad are asking themselves: Need we now feel obliged to demonstrate support and solidarity for Israel?

Israelis have to understand that American Jewry has also undergone a significant transformation in recent years. The first generations felt alienated from mainstream society and suffered antisemitism, US Jews in the 1990s are highly assimilated and well-

Israelis are nften oblivious to the fact that American Jews increasingly see themselves as part of the US establishment. We tend to downplay the fact that US Jewry is the richest society in the world, with the highest level nf education.

There are approximately 500,000 Jewish students in American universities (compared to 100,000 in Israel, with a similar sized Jewish population), and approximately 100,000 Jewish professors and researchers at American universities. US Jews are making nutstanding contributions in economics, business and finance; in law; the arts and literature; in government and in the

Israelis and Diaspora Jews must look beyond slogans like 'We are one'

Israelis and Diaspora Jews must understand that by preaching to and attacking one another, we will never achieve a meaningful dia-

Slogans like "We are nne" are all very nice, but our differences

We may occasionally speak each other's language, but while doing so need to be aware that our communication may be far from complete. Our world views remain very distinct.

ISRAELIS' Jewish identity is a natural one. We live in a country where our citizens don't travel or work on the High Holy days. Independence Day and Memorial holidays on which we all commemorate the reestablishment of Jewish sovereignty in our home-

land. Israelis may not all observe the holidays in the same way, but they are positive experiences shared by the entire country. The American Jewish experience clearly cannot

be the same. Our collective memories differ completely. Our experiences and associations are dissimilar. So are our hopes and dreams. American Jews are focused on their own country, nn the society they belong to, just as we relate to the country in which we live.

American Jews live in a country where they are a minority. In order to establish a Jewish identity they need the framework of a synagogue, a Jewish school, a commnnity, or a home where Jewish values are taught. It is often difficult for Israelis to understand the importance of these institutions in preserving Jewish life outside Israel.

For their part, American Jews perceive nur secular culture as alienated from Judaism.

Both Israeli and American Jews are undergoing a process of normalizatinn. As the threats to Israel's existence emanating from our immediate aurroundings decrease dramatically, the dangers of distance growing ever greater between the two communities increases at an alarming

The gap that has been created must be filled with a new, positive

Essential ingredients for a renewal of the relationship are Jewish education, and a knowledge of Jewish history and cul-

What is needed is greater direct, personal involvement between the two communities, through travel and study in Israel, investment and business partnerships with Israeli companies, and joint activities in the fields of economics, science, technology and art

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Israelis and Diaspora Jews must attempt to understand each other's very different backgrounds, to appreciate the differing needs and conditions of the individual communities.

Ignoring and insulting each other is not the answer. Respecting and talking to one another is.

The writer is Israel's ambassador to the UN.



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He provides a refuge from chaos

Swiss architect Mario Botta explains why it's important to put people's needs first, **Esther Hecht Writes**

museum and a private home share one primary function: they are places of refuge where people can gather strength to confront the chaotic world outside. "A home satisfies a basic need for defense, for shelter. Even today, when we say, T m fed up. I'm going home, our home is the last refuge from which we then go out and face the world," Swiss architect Mario Botta said last week as he presented his work of the past 10 years.

A museum is a refuge in a larger sense. Like a cathedral, it meets a spiritual need.

"Both provide spaces for moments of quiet, to enable us to confront the whirlpool of change the modern world has wrought," he explained to an overflow audience at Tel Aviv University's David Azrieli School of Architecture.

Botta - one of the leading architects in the world - is to be asked to design a synagogue for the campus, a university source said.

MEETING MAN'S basic needs. Botta declared, must be an architect's primary concern.



Botta's design of the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art is similar to a cathedral be built in Evry, France.

Accordingly, a small, triangular house he built into the face of a mountain in his native canton of Ticino is almost cavelike, with only its silvery brick facade visible. And yet, paradoxically, the narrow rear of the house is the most brilliantly lit. with natural light streaming down a circular stairwell.

A museum is a space for direct contact between the creator of art and the consumer of art, without any interference from self-appointed intermediaries like the media, he

experience. Botta is fond of saying provoca-tively that "the museum is the modern cathedral," or, as he put it in Tel Aviv. "the museum is a secular cathedral.

said. That direct contact arouses a

response that is akin to a religious

In fact, he sees them as so similar in function that a cathedral he built in Evry, near Paris, incorporates the most distinctive elements of his design for the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. Both have: powerful, simple geometric forms, including a cylindrical tower that pours light into the interior and that is cut diagonally so its roof becomes part of the facade. And, in keeping with his aims of simplicity, both museum and cathedral are built of just three materials: brick, stone and

WHEN BOTTA proposed building the museum of red brick, the major donors balked at the humble materi-

They wanted a building with a strong identity," he recalled. So did be, but in a different way. He wanted it to be an "eye looking at the city." He also saw it, together with an adjacent brick building, as part of a "wall" marking a boundary of the downtown area. And he "wanted it

not to get lost in the glass that covers over all aspects of modern culture." The glass-faced building, a hall-mark of modern architecture, is anathema to Botta. The way glass is used today, "you can't see what's going on behind it."

In all of his work, he strives to get away from this kind of ambiguity and back to basics: setting the most orimitive functions of buildings before esthetic considerations, using simple geometric forms and basic materials

'Simple elements help man find his way in the labyrinth of the modem city," he said. "This is not an esthetic matter, but bringing back values that man needs."

BUT BOTTA'S use of basic materials is anything but simple. Take brick, for example, which has been used to build houses for nearly 6,000 years and which faces some of the dreariest structures in the US.

In the San Francisco museum, Botta stood some of the bricks on end, canted some at an angle and indented others. The result is a ricbly textured surface on which both sunlight and moonlight can play.

The garden wall of a private home he built recently in Switzerland has an even more intricate pattern of bricks, providing a constantly changing tablean as the light changes. Thus, as he said, "every line becomes a plastic element."

BOTTA, 52, was born, Mendrision, Switzerland. At 15, he apprenticed himself for three years to an architectural firm in nearby Lugano. He studied with Carlo Scarpa, an admirer of Frank Lloyd Wright, at the Universitario di Architettura in Venice. While in Venice, he also worked with Le Corbusier and Louis Khan. All have influenced his work.

His practice is based in Lugano and many of the private homes he has built are in that vicinity. Norbert Cymbalista, a Tel Aviv

University governor who sponsored Botta's lecture here, commented, "As he walked around the university, he looked as if he were looking to build something."

THE SWISS architect's approach is particularly suited to Israel, according to Prof. Avraham Yasky, who heads the university's school of

First, Yasky said, is Botta's choice of materials - including cement hlocks, bare concrete, brick and stone - which are available here in abundance, as opposed to lighter materials, like metal, which are not.

Botta uses these materials with great precision, and in a northern country with meager light this might yield a cold, technical look, Yasky said. But here, the strong light and shade highlight the texture in a way that brings it to life.

And because of the strong light and the glare it generates - Botta's introduction of light from the ceiling, rather than through windows, is particularly fitting.

Meanwhile, Botta the modernist had nothing but praise for Israeli architecture. Tel Aviv is like an exhibition of architecture, of the modern style used in the best way," he said. "Europe is stuck with the past. Israel is proof it is possible to build with modern architecture. For me, this is a source of great

'How comes' and 'whys' of a toddler

s any parent of a two-yearold knows, the demands of Lchild-rearing are intensified the moment your child can express her or his curiosity about the world hy asking, "why?"
About two months before his

second birthday, "Why?" - soon joined hy "How come?" - became my son's favorite words. Answering his endless questions has taxed not only my energy and patience but also whatever 1 learned to get through elementary school, high school and the University of California. In trying to explain the ways of the physical world and the human community to Yosef, I've come to see how limited is my own fund of knowl-

Why do we see images on our television screen? Why does a light bulh go on at the flick of a switch? Why do people send hirthday cards?

A two-year-old is a hudding scientist with wide-ranging interests in physics, chemistry, hiology, physiology, anthropology, zoology and just about any other field concerned with the behavior of people, plants, animals and the forces of nature.

The day before his second hirthday, Yosef received three hirthday cards in the mail. We sat on the floor while he tore them open, and I read them to him. "Why?" he wanted to know when I was done. They're hirthday cards - for you," I explained. "Why?"

"Grandma and Aunt Rona and Uncle Leon sent them to you to wish you a happy hirthday."

"How come? After several more attempts at logical explanation, I ended up telling him, only half-facetiously, that hirthday cards were just a human custom. These unfamiliar

words must have doused his interest - if not satisfied it - and he toddled off to play with his truck. My husband thinks that Yosef's insistent "Whys" are automatic; that after the first one, there's no real motivation behind them. But I disagree. A two-year-old is a new-

as well be from Mars. All our behaviors, habits and activities - from combing hair to wearing shoes to hlowing out hirthday candles - are foreign to him. He is an anthropologist who takes nothing for granted.

comer to our planet, and he might

Everything, from the most common social niceties to complex social institutions, is open to examination. Part of his task as he grows up is to make sense of this new world. And what better way to get the information he needs than to come out and ask? Asking questions is also a way to keep a busy parent engaged and to get her attention, but the absorbed look on Yosef's young face as he listens to my explanations convinces me that his drive to know is

anthentic. Yosef challenges me. All tho often, I am at a loss for answers. More often than I'd like, I resort to, "That's a good question," or just plain, "I don't know." He make me think about things I haven't considered in years - if ever. How did the custom of sending hirthday cards originate? How do televisions and radios and light bulhs and cameras real-

ly work? By our 20s and 30s, those of us with a liberal arts education accept the magic of nature and technology without giving it a second thought. Until we have a two-year-old. And then we have to give it not only a second thought, hut a third and a fourth.

I hope Yosef keeps the curiosity that so drives him now long enough to find out the answers for himself - and for me.

Time stands still at the Stalin State Museum

TIME has stopped in the birthplace of Joseph Stalin. Perhaps the hands of the clock are still in his grasp, for the mighty forces of change that have swept, through his, Soviet empire have yet to penetrate the citadel of his memory in Gori; Georgia.

in the late 1980s, as and perestroika hegan to lay bare the bloodiest of Stalin's excesses, there was talk of correcting the record at the Stalin State Museum

There was talk of acknowledging some of Stalin's victims. As recently as two years ago, plans were being laid for a museum souvenir shop that would sell Stalin memorahilia in keeping with the free-market mood of the times.

But like so many things across the vast and timeless former Soviet landscape, inertia prevailed. At the Stalin Museum, nothing much happened. Indeed, the only difference is that the museum's worshipful exhibits - removed for safekeeping to Austria during years of post-Soviet civil strife in Georgia - have now been put back on display at a time when more and more people are talking nostalgically about the good old days under communism.

Stalin's boyhood home, a single-room cabin where he was born Joseph Vissarionovich Dzhugashvili, remains untouched under the pavilion huilt in 1937 to protect it. The adjacent baroque museum was opened in 1957 - five years after Stalin's death - and the exhibits were updated in 1979.

Stalin's personal armored railway car, with its pre-Revolution mahogany trim, luxurious compartments and extra set of wheels. remains parked on the grounds:

.. But it is inside the museum that a visitor finds time at a standstill, Young Georgian schoolchildren are paraded through the halls, but what they see, the story of Stalin's life, is virtually the same display mounted in Soviet days.

It is devoid of criticism, bereft

of truth about Stalin's millions of victims, his brutal collectivization of farms, his purges, his prison camps. They just disappear.

Depicting Stalin as a man of culture, one exhibit explains how he

took an interest in the translation of a famous Georgian poem, "Knight in a Tiger's Skin," into Russian. Stalin made notes in the margins of the translated copy, which is displayed under glass. The year was 1937, but there is no mention

of the poets and writers Stalin sent

to the camps and to their deaths

that same year... Another exhibit deals with the period of Soviet agricultural collectivization. A photo depicts an 11-year-old girl, Mamlakat Nakhangova, receiving an award

from Stalin for picking cotton. Another depicts a beaming woman tractor driver. But there is no word about his brutal suppression of the kulaks - prosperous pre-Soviet peasants - or of the millions of people who died in the



Children stand in front of a picture of Joseph Stalin admiring Lenin at the Stalin museum in Gori, Georgia. (David Hoffman/Washington Post)

subsequent famine.

Stalin's role in the Bolshevik Revolution and the years immediately after is portrayed as second in importance only to that of Lenin, the founder of the Soviet state. But there is hardly a mention and not a single photograph of Leon Trotsky, a central figure in

the revolution, who was forced into exile and murdered in 1940 by Stalin's agents.

The onset of World War II is depicted with photos of brave Soviet soldiers rushing to the front. Nothing is said about the secret pre-war protocols between Hitler and Stalin that divided up

Poland and the Baltic states, or of Stalin's panic as Nazi troops neared Moscow in 1941, or of his purges a few years earlier that wiped out a generation of army officers.

Nor is there a word about the Great Terror - the arrests, torture and executions of suspect

Communist Party officials and others in the 1930s. Even the display covering Stalin's personal life

details, such as the suicide of his second wife, Nadezhda. Nunu Jojoishvili, a guide at the

manages to skip over unpleasant

museum for 17 years, said that when the exhibits were removed for safekeeping in 1991, "we talked about making changes in the history of the 1930s, but nothing has been changed so far."

She took a pointer and showed a visitor the one critical item on disof Lenin's famous warning to his colleagues - dictated in 1922, two years before his death - against Stalin's having "unlimited power in his hands."

Jojoishvili is not apologetic. "We think he was a great politi-cian, and people should know it," she said. "We respect him. He didn't do anything for Georgia in particular; he harmed many and did good to others. People are nostalgic about this period; they come here and think it was not that bad."

Zhuzhuna Khinchikashvili, who as the museum's scientific secretary is responsible for verifying information in the displays, said plans for changing the displays have been discussed ever since 1988, when Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev launched his reform drive in Moscow.

Gorbachev began to expose the dark secrets of the Stalin years and the museum was closed for a short

"We met all the experts, and we asked for money," she said, but it was never forthcoming, so they put the old exhibits back up. (Washington Post)

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Gideon Holdings to buy

Limits lifted on foreign share offerings

RESTRICTIONS on foreigo companies that want to raise capital on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange will be lifted, effective cext Wednesday, the Bank of Israel announced yesterday.

Public nfferings by fnreign compaoies will continue to be subjected in the TASE's own rules, as are offerings by local companies.

Until now, foreign companies that wanted to offer stock bere needed a specific permit, which limited the amount of foreign curreocy the company was allowed to carry abroad to one-fifth of the capital raised in a single

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plained that the new policy. which is part of the broader plan to gradually ease foreign curreney restrictions, became feasible after the recent equalizing of taxation levels nn foreign and local

securities traded in Tel Aviv. At the moment, only two non-Israeli companies - Evergreen and Gazit Inc. - are listed on the TASE.

The central bank stressed that the world's leading capital markets are already npen for Israeli share offerings.

Opeoing op Israel's capital markets for foreign offerings is an important step tn engaging the economy in world markets, the central bank said.

Gov't offices to allow credit card payments

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

ISRACARD is negotiating with the accountant general at the Finance Ministry to incorporate ministries into the credit card company's payment system, Isracard general manager Haim Krupsky said at a press conference yesterday.

Krupsky said the accountant general plans to publish a tender inviting all credit cards to offer proposals to incorporate credit card payments in government offices.

"In the future, all ministries will be able to accept credit cards as a form of payment," Krupsky said. "For example, the Transport Ministry will be able to accept credit cards for car licenses and the Justice Ministry will accept credit card payments on fines."

Last year Isracard credit cards bad a 24 percent real increase in business turnover from 1994. The ratio of credit card usage to checks was 55%-45%. Krupsky forecasts the ratio to be 2:1 by the end of the

Isracard estimates that 60% of the population currently uses credit cards. An estimated 32% of all private consumption in the economy; excluding housing, was carried out by credit cards last year, up from 27% in 1994.

Italian company head plans trip to discuss Dead Sea investment

RACHEL NEMAN

VICE president of Italian holding company IRI, Roberto Tama, is due to arrive bere within two weeks to discuss a planned \$20 million investment in the Dead

A visiting delegation of medical and busioess experts representing the region of Lombardy in northern Italy earlier this week signed agreements for cooperation in business with Dead Sea Laboratories, manufacturers of Ahava products. The delegation is headed by

Dr. Alberto Calibretti, who is the deputy bealth minister nf Tama was originally to have

arrived with the delegation but postponed his trip due to the political crisis in Rome.

Representatives of Lombar-

dy's San Rocco spa and members of the Lombardy regional government also signed agreements with the Tamar regional council for development of a spa cear the

Joint research will be conducted to examine cooperative health tourism ventures and medical research, Tamar regiocal council bead Yoav Givati annonoced

Dead Sea Laboratories vice president Dan Benihu said the initial agreement includes distribution of Ahava products in Italy and the establishment of an Ahava Spa at San Rocco.

A Dead Sea Laboratories delegation will visit Lombardy sometime next month to instruct the San Rocco staff in the use of their

15% share in Elite Deal reached after talks break down with Clal GALIT LIPKIS BECK

GIDEON Holdings, the Stranss family's investment company. will purchase a 15-percent share in Elite Industries for about \$22 million, after negotiations between Elite and Clal Industries broke down.

The shares are part of the 25% stake Federman acquired from the British Man company and will be purchased at the same price paid to Man.

At the end of last week the Federman group - which includes Elite chairman and general manager David Federman, his father and his brother - bought Man's 25% of the controlling shares and 12% of the share capital for

Strauaa chairman Michael Strauss, owner of the Stransa Dairies, aaid negotiatioos between the two companies started several days ago.

"The whole situation is new," Strauss said. "We have a mntnal handshake but nothing is in writing yet. We have agreed on several main points, like the price of the shares, the quantity and that we are both interested in joining arms in managing the company."

The Federman family will hold ahout 27% of the controlling shares in Elite after the transaction is completed, maintaining its

positioo shareholder.

Strauss and Elite reached an understanding several hours after Federman informed Clal Industries that he is no longer interested in reaching a partnership agreement with them.

Clal Industries entered intense oegotiations to purchase a 21% stake in Elite from the Federman group at the start of the week. based on a gentleman's agreement reached before Federman purchased the shares from Man.

According to Clal Industries general manager Meir Laser, the companies had agreed on issues related to the roles of the general manager, chairman and industrial

Sources close to the negotiations said Federman wanted to continue to manage Elite almost independently, while Clal wanted a more active role in the management of the company.

In reaction, Laser said "published reports that claimed the differences in opinion were due to Clal's request to appoint an active chairman to the company, an auditor and financial director are not true."

According to Laser, Federman

took advantage of Clal to help him compete against the Bino Zadik-Liberman consortinm in the purchase of Man's shares in Elite. He said Federman negotiated with Clal and at the same

time searched for other partners. "We had a number of underatandings concerning management procedures that Federman asked to change, even though we bad an understanding. Laser said. "He [Federman] asked to make chaoges regarding the chairmao's and management's role in the company and also how an industrial company should

"We were confident we had an understanding with him," Laser said. "In my opinion, there are certain morals to which businessman are expected to abide regarding agreements and understandings, but since we did not have a signed agreement I suppose it was his right to end negoti-

"The decision to end negotiations with Clai is due to differences of opinions on business matters," Federman said.

He said the deal with Strauss is good business investment for the Elite group and is expected to contribute to the company's business development.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Elbit Medical Services in partnership with Indian firm: Elbit Medical Services yesterday announced a 50-50 partnership with the owners of Indian company Madabushini Investments for the establishment of a diagnostic medical center in Bangalore. The total investment is \$4 million, of which 60 percent will go toward medical equipment - including Elbit MRI and CT scanners. The center will open in June.

City of London delegation to attend conference in TA: A highlevel delegation from the City of London will attend a business conference in Tel Aviv next month.

The conference, sponsored by the British Embassy, the Israel-British Chamber of Commerce and the British Overseas Trade Group for Israel, will be opened by former British foreign secretary Lord Owen. The delegation, led by the Right Honorable Lord Mayor of London Alderman John Chalstrey, will include senior representatives of leading companies and organizations - such as Lloyds, the London Stock Exchange, the Bank of England and Barclays.

The conference is a follow-up to British Prime Minister John Major's visit here last March.

Kibbutz Kissufim of the Negev will inaugurate a new NIS 4.5million cowshed today, expected to produce 2.5 million liters of milk annually. The investment was primarily funded by Truva (80 percent), together with the JNF - which provided land and

KLA (Israel) has opened software research and development offices in the Herzliya industrial zone. KLA's production and administration center will continue to be Migdal Haemek, but general manager Avi Cohen said he "wished to take advantage of talent in the central region, as well as in the North."

NatWest Securities yesterday reiterated its Buy recommendation of Teva, following the company's acquisition amouncement on Monday.

The merger with Biocraft Laboratories will "position Teva well in the US generic market," NatWest Securities analysts said yesterday. "If Teva achieves cost synergies of the type seen in recent pharmaceutical mergers, the deal could [add] to earning very quickly."

GM posts record profit for both quarter, year; stock jumps 11/4 in NY

DETROIT (Renter) - General North American operations Motors Corp. said yesterday it posted record profits for the fourth quarter and full year, de- from \$598m. spite weakness in the auto industry worldwide.

said oet income soared 19 percent in the quarter ended December 31 to a record \$1.9 billion, or \$1.98 a share, from \$1.6b., or \$1.74 a share, in the 1994 period. The results surprised investors

on Wall Street, who had expected quarterly profits to dip to about \$1.4b.

GM stock jumped \$1.125 to \$53.625 yesterday in trading outhe New York Stock Exchange, where it was among the most active issues.

For all of 1995, the Detroitbased company said profits jumped 41% to a record \$6.9b., or \$7.21 a share, from \$4.9b., or \$5.15 a share, which had been a company record.

"The record foorth-quarter and calendar-year results demonstrate the solid progress we've made toward achieving our goal of consistent industry-leading financial results, even though the overall worldwide industry was slightly weaker in 1995 than during the previous year," GM Chairman John Smith Jr. said in a

GM said net income from its

edged ahead by less than 1% in the fourth quarter to \$603 million

But for the year, they surged more than 250% to \$2.4b. from

Net income from international operations gained almost 10% in the quarter to \$498m. from \$454m., leading to a year-over-year gain of 4%, to \$1.64b. from

On Monday, GM's finance, defense electronics and computer services subsidiaries reported total profits of \$796.4m. for the quarter, up 13% from 1994:

GM said revenues increased by 3.2% to \$43.9b. in the quarter, when it delivered 2,034,000 cars and trucks worldwide and increased its global market share to 17.7% from 17.3%.

Total revenue for the year expanded by 9% to \$168.8b. from \$155.0b. as GM delivered 8.3 million units, maintaining its position as the No.1 vehicle producer in the world for more than 60 consecutive years. GM said vehicle deliveries in

the US in the quarter increased to 1.21 million units as its market share grew to 33.5% from 33.3%. For all of 1995, US deliveries totaled almost 4.9 million units for a market share of 32.4%, a slight dip from 32.8% in 1994.



Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad points to the planned location of the country's Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) during the program's launching in Knala Lumpur yesterday. The MSC is an area encompassing the Kuala Lumpur city center, Putrajava and the new Kuala Lumpur International Airport, which will be a high-growth center with state-of-the-art products to cater for world-class multimedia companies.

Fokker's search for buyer 'in full swing'

AMSTERDAM (Reoter) -Stricken Dutch planemaker Fokker said yesterday its search for a bover was still in full swing after a. South Korean rival played down its interest in the firm.

"We have had quite a number of signals of interest from aero-

world. The first job is to sift out the serious candidates and then proper talks can begin," Fokker spokesman Leo Steijn said.

South Korea's Samsung Aerospace, widely touted as a potential buyer, said it had no firm plans to buy Fokker as a whole. "Fokker has been an important player in the aerospace industry and our firm is keen to expand into the aerospace business. But we're oot approaching Fokker with an intention to take it over."

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Committee approves bill allowing class-action suits against banks

CUSTOMERS would be able to file class-action soits against banks, according to a bill approved by the Knesset Economics Committee for a second and third reading yesterday.

The Knesset passed a bill al--lowing class-action suits in general for the first time last year.

At the time, however, banks and insoraoce companies were exempted, at the government's insistence, despite the commit-

tee's objections. Meretz MKs Haim Oron and Naomi Chazan therefore submitted private member's bills to inelnde the banks and insurance companies, and the section relatiog to banks was approved vesterday.

The bill permits either groups

EVELYN GORDON

organizations to file class-action suits, as long as the court in which the suit is filed approves.

The court can refuse to recognize the suit as a class action if the group involved is too small, if filing individual claims would be just as effective, if it seems unfair for some reason to force the bank to deal with the claims as a class action, or if the plaintiff does not appear to represent all members

If the suit is recognized as a class action, it will be exempt from court fees, and the lawyer's fee will be subject to coort

The hill also states that if all members of the affected group cannot be located for any reason,

the court will decide whether to

divide the extra award money among those members of the group that can be found, or to order it spent in some other fashion that would benefit all customers of the guilty bank.

The committee approved the hill, despite the fact that the government presented its own, different version at yesterday's meeting, saying the government has no right to come with its own hill at the last minute when the committee has been working on its hill for several months al-

"If the Treasury has objections, it should present them to the committee, and not start a parallel legislative process fbv draftiog its own hill]," Oron

McGraw-Hill earnings rise

McGraw-Hill Cos. yesterday said earnings rose nine percent in the fourth quarter and announced it was cutting up to 800 jobs, or about 5% of its work force, as part of a plan to cut costs.

The New York-based information and media company said strong results at Standard & Poor's, the credit rating agency, Business Week magazine and in its educational publishing division all cootributed to strong

Net income grew nearly 12 percent for the year.

Net earnings rose to \$54.5 million, or \$1.09 a share, in the quarter, from \$49.9m., or \$1.01 a share, in the comparable 1994 period, the company said. Sales grew 7.5% to \$749.6m. from

The results included a pretax charge of \$26.8m. for the job cuts and other elements of the plan, and a \$23.8m. gain on the sale of

NEW YORK (Renter) - The part its Shepard's legal publishing McGraw-Hill Cos. yesterday said operation to a unit of Thomson Corp. last year.

> The cost-cutting drive was launched last year and will con-tinue through 1996, Chairman Joseph Dionne said. "Some of the savings from these actions will be offset by investments in technology and training."

Reading between

the lines... you have time for trading action until 11 PM.

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Indexes fall for second straight day

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

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Two-Sided index

STOCKS fell fur a second straight day after the central bank raised interest rates, and following Teva Pharmaceuticals's agreement to buy a US generic drug maker.

Teva was the most active stock, off 3.5 percent on NIS 11.1 million of shares traded.

Tevz agreed in pay 0.461 American Depositary Receipt for each share of Biocraft Laboratories Inc., a transaction valued yesterday at about \$289m. Each ADR represents 10 ordi-

nary shares. Also, in a note to the stock

exchange, Clal Iodustries and Elite Industries Ltd. said they had broken off discussions on cooperating in the management of

Instead, Gideon Holdings, the Stranss family's investment company, will purchase a 15-percent

The market's performance reflected continuing concern about Central Bank Gnvernnr Jacob Frenkel's decisinn Sunday tn boost interest rates, said Mark Meiras, an analyst at Pacific

Mediterranean Securities in Herzliya. The Two-Sided Index was off 0.84 percent at 209.08, while the Manf Index slipped 0.56% tn 218.53.

Almost NIS 113m. of stocks traded. Five shares fell for every one that rose.

Clal Industries, which is an m vestment arm of the holding company Clal Israel, closed up 1% Investors speculated that Clai would put up the money that enabled Elite chairman David Federman to boost his stake in the food and coffee company recently. Elite fell 2%.

Hanson's plan to demerge into four firms dominates trade

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Renter) - Industrial conglomerate Hanson's plans to demerge into four separately-listed companies dominated trading and helped UK shares reverse earlier losses to finish moderately

The FISE Index ended points to 3,735.3.

FRANKFURT - German shares end bourse trade down but off session lows in moderate volumes as slightly weaker dollar and modest profit-taking weigh on market.

A firmer German debt market offers some support. Afternoon German dealings tn take one from US markets but little action expected ahead of the Fed meeting and growing hopes for a US rate cut.

The 30-share DAX ends bourse trade down 10.26 points at 2,435.79. In post-bourse trade the DAX Index atood at 2,456.09

PARIS - French shares closed with a big gains, rising by more than one percent to over the 2,000 level. This brings the French market back to its closing level of May 17 1995.

The gains were posted after Finance Minister Jean Arthuis cut a special savings rate and French banks slashed their base lending rates to 7.0% from 7.5%.

The CAC-40 index closed up 22.45 pointa, nr 1.13%, to 2,003.13.

ZURICH - Swiss shares closed about 1% higher after a firming dallar, a stronger start na US markets and rising bond futures led the market up in the

The All-share SPI gained 20.20

points, or 0.96%, to finish a

2,113.91. TOKYO - Shares in Tokyo rebounded to finish at a 17-month high, helped by arbitrage-linked buying against the backdrop of better prospects for Japan's economy.

Yet brokers said trade was likely to focus on speculative issues in the near term. The 225share Nikkei average climbed 133.24 points, or 0.65%, to close at 20,722,44

HONG KONG - Hong Kong stocks closed at their highest level since February 9, 1994, on a late surge driven by soaring futures and New Ynrk's record cluse overnight.

The blue-chip Hang Seng In-dex climbed 142.49 points, or 1.29%, to end at 11,201.46. SYDNEY - The Australian

share market ended lower as profit-taking eroded recent day's gains but Advance Bank's first half profit and bonus issue provided some shine to the otherwise lackluster day. The All Ordinarics index closed 13.5 points lower at 2265.8.

JOHANNESBURG - Snuth African shares finished mixed as a firmer bullion price rejuvenated gold shares but industrials eased amid uncertain shurt-term

"It's actually been very quiet, not a lot of husiness today. The gold price seems to want to go higher so shares could strengthen tomorrow," one dealer said. The overall index was down 7.2 points to 6,930, the industrial index fell 25.3 points to 8,667.3 and the gold index was up 23.4 points at 1,730.4.

Dow surges 76 points

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Renter) - The Dnw Jnnes industrial average racked up its biggest one-day gain since last May to ser another record high yesterday on hopes that the Federal Reserve will lower

interest rates to revive the slow-Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow Jones Index closed

0.2905/10

5,381.21, just one day after climbing through the 5,300 level for the first time.

it was the biggest one-day gain since the index soared 86 points on May 31.

In the broader market, advancing issues swamped declines 16-7 on active valume of 466 million shares on the New York Stock up 76.23 points at a recurd Exchange.

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Sports Federation of Israel set to go on strike tomorrow

PRESIDENT of the Sport Federation of Israel, Yehezkel Harmelech, announced last night he will resign from his position as soon as the federation's financial shambles gets sorted out.

Harmelech accused Deputy Mioister of Education Culture and Sport Micha Goldman of "insufferable indifference" to the financial plight of the SFI. Goldman has dismally failed to keep his financial commitments to the federation, said Harmclech.

Tomorrow, the SFI will "in all likelihood" be

.THE Wicked Witch of the West

·That much was painfully ohvious to anyone who watched

Monday morning's telecast on

either Sports Channel or Prime

Sports. Dallas may have won the

game despite not playing its best.

hut Diana Ross - wearing enough

pancake makeup to make Tammy

Faye Baker jealous - was the one

who really came out ahead in a halftime show that had to be seen

A fan who once attended the

Super Bowl assured us that most

of those at the game can hardly

see the halftime speciacle, mean-

ing it's pretty much aimed at the

huge national television audience,

at NBC, which had the rights to

the game this season, was so eager

to boost Ross's sagging career that

they agreed to this less than

Supreme entertainment. Or maybe

Little Richard was just busy that

Ross's voice is not what it used

to be, nor is her body, but that did-

n't prevent her from giving us her full repertoire while prancing

around in a variety of outfits that

looked like what the original

Wicked Witch of the West wore in

The Wizard of Oz. Ross won just

hy getting someone to let her do

the halftime show, as she did

when she got the nod to do our

own Hapoel games. Thank god

there was a foothall game to-

watch before and after a helicopter mercifully whisked Ross

AS for the game itself, we went with Prime Sports' English lan-

guage broadcast rather than Sports

Channel's versioo, fearing a

repeat of past years when Sports

The question then becomes who

won the Super Bowl.

to be believed.

ALAN ROBERTS

on strike if salaries totaling NIS 260,000 aren't paid today.

In a meeting earlier this month, Goldman reportedly promised Harmelech and SFI General Director Shmuel Lalkin he would immediately transfer an amount of NIS 4 million to the sports body but as of last night, the

money was still not forthcoming. The SFI is in overdraft to the tune of NIS 1.6m

tures, is first-rate. This week they

focused on the problems facing Bnei Herzliya, and provided stats to explain the team's disappoint-

ing performance: almost 16 points per game less over the last four

games, and a 16 percent dropoff in

Sports Channel's Opher Shelach also scored with a phone

interview with Effi Birnhaum

about his resignation as coach of

Hapoel Eilar earlier that day. The

feature on David Blatt and his

Upper Galilee College of

Basketball" was well done, as

was the extended profile of Nanad Markovitch, io which the

Hapoel Tel Aviv player reflected

on his war-torn hometown of

Sarajevo. Just one complaint the

hackground music made it hard to hear Markovitch,

The production work oo the

game itself was superb: Sports

Channel's outstanding camera

angles make you wooder why the

Channel One crew responsible for

the Maccabi broadcasts can't even

come close: The only low point

was Simi Rigeur's clowning with Moni Moshanov of Zehu Zeh, io

which Rigeur "coached" him oo how to behave during Moshanov's upcoming trip to the NBA All-Star

Seoding Moshanov to the game is a gimmick we can do

without. Why not send Sbelach, who could pose some really good questions to the NBA stars, rather than the sally ones Rigeur suggested, like "Ask Pental Hardaway why they named him Penny and not Dollar?" Besides aluering 7th Tohardaway

plugging Zehu Zeh shamelessly,

the segment waso't worth a

plugged nickel, and only lowered

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A halftime show from Hell:

Diana Ross lays an egg

SPORTSWATCH

ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Channel felt compelled to invite

over a studio full of entertainers

turned commentators. To their

credit, Sports Channel stuck with

just one - Yair Lapid - this year,

and he appeared to be sufficiently

restrained when we caught him

during a time-out.

Prime Sports' NBC feed was a hit strange: no announcer at all in

the run-in to the pregame player introductions. Prime really hlew it

when they failed to get back from

a movie ad for the second half

kickoff! Otherwise, the NBC team

did a fair joh, especially when

they flashed a graphic depicting

the huge members of the Dallas

offensive line chowing down. As

one of the NBC broadcasters

noted, "You think it's time for a

NBC cameras did catch several

shots of the officials hlowing

calls, including a questionable Emmitt Smith touchdown and a

highly charitable first down given

the Steelers. Still. NBC's cover-

age is nowhere near FOX's, and

we can only hope that next year, John Madden, Terry Bradshaw

and company are at Super Bowl XXXI - and Ross isn't.

THIS week's truly super effort

was Monday night's hroadcast of

the Hapoel Jerusaleru-Hapoel Tel.

Aviv hasketball game hy Sports Channel, part of its new Monday

night Hamesh Ba'avir program.
The studio decor, featuring a

closet containing the jerseys of the

National Basketball League

too much of a clone of

gut check? Check those guts."

at the two banks where it keeps its accounts. Moreover, it owes employees that were laid off as a result of the 18 sport associations going independent NIS 1,410,000. A further NIS 2.6m is owed to sports suppliers and NIS 1.8m to the sports unions to prepare for the '96

In total, the SFI needs to obtain NIS 7,710,000 immediately in order to meet its financial commitments and continue its operarions, Harmelech said.

Birnbaum resigns from Eilat

POST SPORTS STAFF

EFFI Birnbaum resigned as coach of troubled Hapoel Eilat Monday evening, and former Maccabi Tel Aviv coach Ralph Klein was reportedly set to replace him.

Eilathad been a disappointment throughout the season, and had fallen to a 4-8 record following Sunday night's shocking home loss to Hapoel Safed.

The cluh's troubles started in the pre-season when foreign player Lawrence Funderburke decided to leave the team, and grew only worse when ceoter James Terry brought in to bolster the club after the season started - was also

Eilat had been picked by the pundits to finish in the Final Four after adding point guard Rotem Erlich and forward Dror Cohen to the roster. However, the club faltered early, and the arrival of new foreign player Dwayne Morton brought in after Tom Chambers was acquired by Maccabi Tel Aviv. where Morton had tried out earlier - failed to change things dramatically. Eilat also lost several games in the final minutes.

Klein, recently let go by Maccabi Tel Aviv, was rumored to be Eilat's choice to replace Birnhaum. Ironically, it was Birnhaum - as coach of Boei Herzliya last year - whose club beat Klein's Hapoel Holon to win the State Cup last year.
Meanwhile, efforts were contin-

uing to find funding that wouldallow Maccabi Jerusalem to return to full activity after the club suspended operations due to financial woes. Maccabi Jerusalem played a loss to Hapoel Galil Elyon. ...

PHILADELPHIA (AP) – Jerry Stackhouse scored 29 points and the Philadelphia 76ers snapped a nine-game losing streak with a 103-92 victory over the Vancouver against New York.

Rex Chapman scored 23 points,
Alonzo Mourning had 21 and Billy
Owens 19 for Miami, which hasn't

Stackhouse during Monday night's game.

34 record remains the worst in the

National Basketball Association.

Knicks 94, Heat 85
Patrick Ewing scored 34 points and
Hubert Davis had 19 as host New
York defeated Miami and former

Riley, who was booed histily when his new team visited. New York in December, got a much milder reaction from the fans this time and did his best

to keep a low profile. His team lost for

the 17th time in 18 road games

GUESS WHO

Henderson's streak of seven straight

Hareld Reyfolds - 1 - 7
Jee Rivaldi

Answer to yesterday's 'Guess Who':

Miami's Jake Scott was the MVP

AL stolen base titles in 1987?

Tony Fernandez

Answer tomorrow

interrupted . Rickey.

Knicks coach Pat Riley.

won two straight games since December 3. Grizzlies Monday night.
Sean Higgins had a season-high
27 points and added 11 rebounds,
while Clarence Weatherspoon had
23 points and 10 rebounds for the Hornets 88, Cavaliers 86 Kenny Anderson's running bank shot with 0.6 seconds left gave host Charlone its victory over Cleveland 76crs. Greg Anthony had 18. points and Bryant Reeves 16 for the Grizzlies, who had won three of their previous five games.

top of the key before driving left and shooting over Michael Cage for the game-winner Larry Johnson blocked It was the 76ers' first win in nine home games, but Philadelphia's 8-

and evened the Homets' season record for the first time since November 11. Anderson dribbled off time at the

GOING FISHING - Vancouver's Doug Edwards (r) tries to steal the ball from Philadelphia's Jerry

Sixers snap losing streak

buzzer to preserve the victory and send Cleveland to its fourth loss in five games.
Anderson finished with 16 points,
Johnson had 20 points and 17
rebounds, and Matt Geiger added 18
points. Terrell Brandon led Cleveland
with 22 points and Antonio Lang 14.

MONDAY'S NBA RESULTS: Philadelphia 163, Vancouver 92 Charlotte 88, Cleveland 86 New York 94, Miami 85 Utah 104, Detroit 97 Seatile 92, Portland 88

All-Star reserves named

NEW YORK (AP) - Centers Patrick Ewing and David Robinson, and Utah teammates Karl Malone and John Stockton were among 14 players selected yesterday as reserves for the NBA All-Star game.

The New York Knicks' Ewing was selected for the 10th time. It was the eighth time for both Utah Jazz forward Malone and point guard Stockton. Robinson, of the San Antonio Spors, was chosen for

Joining Ewing as reserves on the East team for the 46th edition of the game - to be played February 11 at San Antonio - will be Cleveland's Terrell Brandon and Indiana's Reggie Miller at guard, Miami's Alonzo Mourning at center, and Milwaukee's Vin Baker, Charlotte's Glen Rice and Washington's Juwan Howard at forward. Robinson, Malone and Stockton will be joined as West reserves by Seanle's Gary Paytoo and Sacramento's Mitch Richmond at guard, Denver's Dikembe Mutombo at center and San Antonio's Sean Elliott at forward.

Voting for reserves was done by head coaches.

Earlier, fan's voted for the starters, picking center Shaquille O'Nead's of Orlando, forwards Grant Hill of Detroit and Scottie Pippett of Chicago, and guards Michael Jordan of Chicago and Anfernce Hardway of Orlando for the East.

The West starters will be center Hakeem Olajuwon of Houston, forwards Charles Barkley of Phoenix and Shawn Kemp of Seattle, uards Clyde Drexier of Houston and Jason Midd of Dallas

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Chelsea wins at QPR

LONDON (AP) - Gavia Peacock and Paul Furlong, both replace-ments for suspended players, fired Chelses into the fifth round of the PA Cap Monday in a 7-1 victory over Queens Park Rangers : Nigel Quashit. Rangers new

17-year-old midfield star, replied midway through the second half and team-mate Bradley Allen

missed a penalty.

But Chelsea, inspired by a standout midfield performance by Rund Gullit, looked a far more impressive teasi and deserved go

through to the last 16, where it will visit the winner of West Ham

or division one Grimsby. Rangers' Mark Hateley headed wide in the fourth minute before Peacock, replacing suspended Dennis Wise in midfield, scored the first in the 19th.

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Peacock took a pass from Scottish international forward John Spencer and fired a shot which took a deflection off Andy Impey before swerving past Rangers American 'keeper. Juergen Sommer.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Magic Johnson fever hits LA

Earvin "Magic" Johnson practiced with his Los Angeles Lakers' teammates yesterday before taking the court in his first professional basketball game since retiring four and a half years ago.

Basketball fever gripped Los Angeles as word spread that the 'Magic' was back, with tickets for last night's game with the Golden State Warriors selling out in just five hours on Monday. Tickets from brokers were going for \$300 each yesterday and were being snapped up by fans determined not to miss a piece of basketball history at the Forum, the Lakers' home court. Reuter

Salley leaves Raptors

John Salley, unable to get any playing time with the Toronto Raptors, arranged for a buyour of his contract and will try to join

Salley and his agent worked our the deal. The contract was to have run 1 1/2 years and was worth more than \$4 million. Salley was chosen by the Raptors from the Miami Heat in last June's expansion draft and played a key role early in the season. However, power ferward Tony Massenburg has returned to the lineup and Salley has not played since January 3 in Orlando. AP

Phillies send Slocumb to Red Sox The Philadelphia Phillies and Boston made a long-anticipated trade

Monday, with the Red Sox acquiring closer Heathcliff Slocumb and the Phillies getting outfielder Lee Tinsley. As part of the deal, the Phillies also received outfielder Glenn Murray and pitcher Ken Ryan. They sent outfielder Rick Holifield

and pitcher Larry Wimberly to the Red Sox... In other baseball news, the Minnesota Twins signed outfielder Roberto Kelly to a minor league cootract and invited him to major league spring training camp.

Police investigate alleged Seles threat

Australian tennis officials oo Tuesday refused to confirm reports that a death threat had been made against joint world number one Monica Seles last week, although police said they were investigating a threat.

Melbourne's Herald Sun newspaper reported yesterday that Tennis Australia, organizers of last week's Australian Open, had received an anonymous telephone call last Friday during which Seles's life had been threatened. Seles had not been told of the threar, the newspaper said.

Extra police were reportedly assigned to tighten security around the player during the tournament.



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TELEVISION



The Brazilian satire 'Testament of a Dog' has been relocated here in the Khan Theater revival.

THEATER HELEN KAYE

TESTAMENT of a Dog, the 1955 satire by Brazilian playwright Ariano Suassuna, was a runaway hit at Habimah in the '70s and Khan Theater artistic director Eran Baniel has revived it for the 90s. This comedy of morals sends up clericalism and greedy clerics. The story centers around Grilo (Shimon Cohen) and Chico (Simha Barbiro) who persuade Father Romario (Bassam Zuamot) to perform a funeral for a dog. Baniel, inspired by haredi protests against excavatioos oear the Scottish Church (hard by the Khan), decided to transfer the story to Israel. Dan Almagor did the adaptation. Tonight at ZOA House in Tel Aviv at 8:30. (Hebrew)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT.

BAROQUE flutist Kate Clark and harpsichordist Yoheved Schwarz present 9 coocert lecture about the flute in the French Baroque at 8 p.m. tomorrow at the Jerusalem Music Center.

Pianist Ya'acov Kasman joins the Haifa Symphony Orchestra to play Rachmaninoff's Third Piano Concerto Friday, 11 a.m., io the openiog concert of the Friday morning winter series to which tickets are a mere NIS 10, Eitan Globerzoo also leads the HSO in Kodaly's Dances from Galanta. At the Haifa Auditorium.

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TELEVISION

RUTH KERN

AGE becomes many of the principals in the Watergate break-in and subsequent cover-up. Halderman and Ehrlichman, for two, today look more like a small-time California vintner and a hottub salesman than president Nixoo's Teutonic, monumentally uptight palace guard. For one of the most intensely covered news stories of recent history, the BBC's look back at that huge political scandal is surprisingly fresh and intriguing. Catch part 2 of Watergate on BBC World at 10:05 p.m.



CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

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(13)

21 Keep going when left with a drink (4,3)

22 Awful maaa prida produced, having made its

23 Mocking one right round New York (5)

24 Prevent one speech decline

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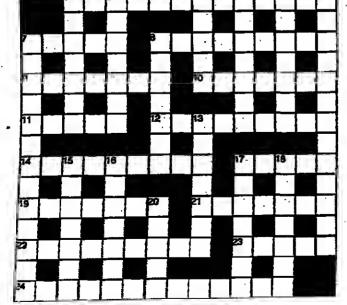
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- 7 It is hard work to obtain powder (5)
- 8 Friends coming back stay with the comedy (9) 9 Left one'o part, being agile
- 10 In a hat, I confused the
- islander (7)
- 11 Last in in the river (5) 12 Guiana could accept
- vehicle from another country (9) .
- 14 Got back damaged eclair by the sea (9)
- 17 Money for record back in French street (5) 19 Reduced to an average that

corresponded (7)

one junior on the wagon (7)

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- DOWN 1 Accountants about to put
- 2 Communist vote gets the bird (7)
- 3 Place to be at in June at home? (5)
- 4 Being less patient has a row (7)
- 5 Posting large number who are sick (7)



SOLUTIONS

6 Recording in register one's arriving in a ceremonious manner (6,2,5)

8 Ernest shortly must remove the bone (7)

13 Gave an all-round demonstration of effection

15 Cake for member getting in

16 From Barnet, a troublesome insect-eater

17 Come across initially to

18 In favour of one part of

speech-or another (7) 20 Nothing more than a record club (5)

find a composer (7)

the condiments (7)

(7)

7 It's a hig blow (4-5,4)



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QUICK CROSSWORD DOWN

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rock (6) 17 US inventor (6) 19 Conrageous (5) 20 Votes against (4) 22 Poet (4) 23 instruction (9)

24 Slightly crazy (6)

25 Appal (6)

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12 Alcoholic drink (5) 15 River of Bangladesh and India (6) 16 Protection (6) 17 Revised (6) 18 Nakedness (6) 21 Fine sediment (4)

22 Manager (4)

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10:30 Time to Triumph (1985) (rpt)

12-10 Happy Go Lovely (1951) – British musical starring David Niven and Vera-Ellen. A theater producer puts a chorus girl in the star spot because he has heard rumors that

her boyfriend is very rich. (95 mins) 13:45 in Concert - Keith Richards 14:30 Eagle Spirit (1990) (rpt) 16:05 Shame (1992) (rpt) 17:35 Blua Tomado (1990) (rpt) 19:05 Perry Mason: Lady in the Lake (1988) (rpt) 20:45 Whai's New at the Movies 21:00 Sunset Grill (1992) - Peter Waiter plays a sty private detective

Waller plays a sty private detective trying to track down the man who

murdered his estranged wife. The investigation leads him to Beverly Hills where all is not as it seems.

With Lori Singer and Stacey Keach. (99 mins) 22:45 Are You Lonesome Tonight? (1991) - suspense drama

starring Jane Seymour as 9 house-wife who discovers that her husband

Surprise Garden 13:35 The Detectives 14:00 Wild West C.O.W.o

14:35 Beakman's World 15:10 Silver Hawks 15:40 Growing Pains 16:15 Party of Five 17:10 Loony Toons 17:30 Saved by the Bell 18:00 Hugo

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CHILDREN (6)

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

III FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

MIDDLE EAST TV

Poem of the Day

JORDAN TV

■ CHANNEL 1

6:30 News in Arabic 6:45 Physical Fitness 7:00 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 The Jews of North Africa under colonial rule 8:30 Arithmetic 8:55 Israeli history 6:15 English 9:25 Young children'a programs 10:00 Morning talk — Alternative medicine Morning talk - Alternative medicine 10:30 Current affairs (rpt) 11:90 Music 11:25 Geography 11:55 Judaism 12:20 Life sciences 12:35 French 12:40 Science and technolo-gy 13:10 Life stories 13:35 Animal Tales 13:50 Kitty Cat and Hummy 14:10 Peter Pan 14:30 Children's programs

CHANNEL 1

15:30 Tirrytoon 15:55 Who's Afraid of the Dark? 16:20 Hopps Hey 17:00 A New Evening 17:35 Zap - current affairs 18:15 News in English ARABIC PROGRAMS

18:30 Family Health matters - mag-azine 19:00 News HEBREW PROGRAMS

19:30 Every Evening with Merav Michaeli 20:00 Mabat News 20:45 Moked - interviews with newsmak-ers, with Ehud Ya'ari 21:15 Ever Shot Anyone? - Documentary made by a woman director about the all-male refuge of reserve duty. Michal Aviad accompanied a company of thirtysomething men on a 32-day tour of duty on the Syrian border 22:15 No Man's Land — media magazine 23:00 Dream On - comedy 23:30 News magazine 00:00 Verse of the Day

■ CHANNEL 2

13:00 In Yaron'e Studio - Yaron 13:00 In Yaron's Studio - Yaron London talks to children (rpt) 13:30 Power Rangers 14:00 Star Trek - the next generation 15:00 Zoo 15:30 Ma and the Boys 16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 News magazine with Rafi Reshef 17:30 SporTV - youth eports magazine 18:00 Senora - Spanish scap opera 18:55 I. Claudia - documentary about l, Claudia - documantary about Claudia Schiffer 20:00 News 20:30 Wheel of Fortune - quiz show 21:05 The Wonderful World - new entertainment program with Erez Tal 22:35 NYPD 23:35 Bring Me the Head of Alfredo Garcia (1974) - A Mexican millionairs offers a reward for the head of the man who got his daughter pregnant. A lackiuster American pianist answers the call. Starring Warren Oates and Isela Vega. (112 mins) 00:00 News 00:05

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Family Ties 20:50 Mork and Mindy 21:20 Cheers

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Repentance (1984) – Political black cornedy about the rise and fall of cruel Georgian count, a cross between Hitler and Stalin. The story is told by the daughter of one his victims (144 mins) 00:30 Red, Hot and Blue (1949) – drama starring Betty Hutton and Victor Mature. An ambiful starring right of the starting starring in the starting starting is starting as the starting starting in the starting s tious young girl willing to do anything to get into show biz gets in with a crowd of gangsters instead (84 mins)

■ DISCOVERY (8)

14:00 Tha Flintstones — cartoon 14:30 Speed Racer 15:00 Bill Nye the Science Guy 15:30 Amazing Stories 16:00 Voyagers — drama 17:00 French programs 19:30 News headlines 19:35 Anything for a Laugh 20:00 The Nature of Things — documentary 20:25 Hawali Five-0 21:10 Girl Fridgy: Joanna Lumley — documentary 22:00 News in English 22:25 Prism — local talk show 22:45 Airwoff 23:20 The Silk Road — documentary 00:30 Second Thoughts 6:00 Open University: Social Sciences and Education 12:00 Equinox 6 13:00 Air Combat 14:00 Open University 16:00 Equinox 9 17:00 Air Combat 18:00 Open University 20:00 Underwater World 21:00 Nature Films 14:00 The 700 Club 14:55 Film 16:30 Moornins 16:55 Heathcliff 17:20 Inspector Gadget 17:45 Superbook 18:10 Hart To Hart 19:10 Magnum Pl. 20:00 World News 22:00 The Next Step 22:30 Connections 23:00 Underwater World 00:00 Open University

■ ITV 3 (33)

17:00 Cartoons 17:30 Migreting Birds 16:30 Panorama – Mideast Magazina 16:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Songs We Loved 20:00 Mabat news 20:45 Nostalgie 21:15 Rita Hayworth – documentary 22:15 Nurit Galron 00:00 Closedown

■ ETV 2 (23)

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SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 The Selina Scott Show 7:00 ITN News 7:15 US Market Wrap 7:30 Steals and Deals 8:00 Today 10:00 Supershop 11:00 European Money Wheel 15:30 The Squawk Box 17:00 US Money Wheel 16:30 FT Business Tonight 19:00 ITN News 19:30 Voyager 20:30 The Selina Scott Show 21:30 Dateline 22:30 ITN News 23:00 Supersport 00:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 1:00 Late Night with Conan

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CHANNEL 5

wife who discovers that her husband tapes all his phone conversations. When the husband disappears he leaves one clue on a tape. Parker Stevenson plays the detective who helps solve the case (88 mins) 00:45 Revenge of Jessie Lee (1993) (pt) 2:05 Como Agua Para Chocolata (1992) (pt) 6:30 - 8:00 Bodies In motion 16:00 Bodies in motion 16:30 Indoor soc-cer highlights 18:30 US college bas-katball: Connecticut vs Pittsburgh 19:00 National league volleyball 20:00 Bowling 21:00 NBA basketball 22:45 Champions' league soccer 00:00 Bowling 6:30 Cartoons 8:00 Surprise Garden 8:35 Little Monsters 9:00 Bunch of Munsch 9:40 Silver Hawks 10:10 Hanging with Mr. Cooper 10:45 Lois and Clark 11:40 Loony Toons 12:00 Saved by the Bell 12:30 Hugo 13:00

EUROSPORT

9:30 Figure skating 11:00 International sports magazine 12:00 Swimming 13:00 Euroski 13:30 Horse racing in snow 14:30 Live African Nations Cup soccer first semi-final 16:30 Slam 17:00 Live ATP tennis from Croatia 19:00 Live swimming from Sweden 20:00 Live African Nations' Cup soccer second semi-final 22:00 African Nations' Cup soccer semi-finals 23:30 Motorsport magazina 1:00 Show jumping In snow 2:00 Euroski

PRIME SPORTS

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BBC WORLD

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Business Report 16:30 Asia Pacifio
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16:30 Top Gear 22:05 Watergate —
The principals in the case which
nearly topplad the republic are
brought back to tell their story 23:30
Food and Drink 00:00 BBC World
News and Business Report

III CNN INTERNATIONAL

News throughout the day 6:00 World News 6:30 Inside Politics 8:30 Moneylina 6:30 World Report 10:30 Showbiz Today 11:30 CNN Newsroom 12:30 World Report Newsroom 12:30 World Report 13:00 Business Day 14:00 Business Asia 14:30 World Sport 15:00 Asia News 15:30 Business Asia 16:00 Larry King Live 17:30 World Sport 18:30 Business Asia 21:00 World Business Today 21:30 CNN World News 22:00 Larry King 00:00 World Business Today Update 00:30 World Sport 1:00 World News

SKY NEWS

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IN VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Bach: Partita no 3 in E for violin (Menuhin); Schubert: Piano trio no 2 in E flat; - J Brahms: Double concerto in A minor: for violin, cello and orch (Heifatz, Piatigorsky, cond. Wallenstein); Gershwin: Rhapsody In Blue; Beethoven: Symphony no 4; Schoenberg: Verldaerte Nacht 12:00 Schoenberg: Verklaerte Nacht 12:00
Light Classical – works by Schubert:
(born January 31, 1797) 13:00 Arditti
(buartet – Bartok: Quartet no 4(1928); Schnittke: Quartet no 2,
14:06 Encore 15:00 Keys 16:00
Schubert: Ave Maria (Leontyne
Price, soprano); Hovhaness: "Artik"
horn concerto; Bertioz: Requiem fortenor, choir and orch 18:00.
Beethoven: Plano trio op 70/2;
Mozart: Plano concerto no 23;
Haydn: Symphony: no 103 Haydn: Symphony no 103
"Drumroll": Khachaturian: Spartacus
orchestral surie (Armenian PO) 20:05 Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra-IBA cond. Lu Jia, soloist Boris Berman (piano), Debussy. Petite Suita: Beethoven: Piano concerto no 4; Schumann: Symphony no 1 21:30 Chamber Concert - Arnold Kobellaneky (violin), Yun Galuchovsky (violin), Avraham-Levental (viola), Grigon Yanovsky (cello), Haydn: String quartet op 76/5; Shostakovich: Quartet no 1 op 49; Beethoven: Quartet in C minor op 18/4 23:00 Golden Generation pupils of Carl Flesch, Ginette Neveu - Chausson: Poeme (NYPO/Munch); Siballus: Violin concerto op 47;

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Peres: Region must unite against Islamic fundamentalism

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres yesterday called on Israel's moderate Arab neighbors to form a coalition against fundamentalist Islamic nations and groups that threaten "taking the world backwards 500 years.

All fundamentalist countries, such as Iran and Sudan, are suffering from devastating poverty and decline because of their ideology, Peres told some 3,000 participants at the opening of the 30th International Convention of the Technology Information Association of Israel in Jerusalem.

The greatest danger facing the world is the possibility that nonconventional weapons would "fall into the hands of irresponsible countries or mafias and be carried on the shoulders of fanatics."

The difference in per-capita income between Syria (\$1,000) and Israel (\$16,000) is not just quantitative, the premier continued. It brings about n complete change in attitudes, values, quality of life, and educational levels. Free of fundamentalism, the Middle East can enter a market economy and transform itself and its people, just as the past decade has seen Thailand, South Korea, and even Indonesia and Latin America revamp their economies and infrastructure, Peres said.

The fall of the Soviet dictatorship, he continued, led to mass immigration of Jews to Israel. causing a 20 percent increase in the population and a 40 percent boost in the economy. Arab coun-tries suddenly found themselves without their main source of free

"It brought a new chance for peace. Now Israel is admired around the world, not only for what the Jewish people has accomplished, but also because it voluntarily decided not to rule over another people it could not control, despite the dangers and

This has widely been recog-nized as a moral achievement, and has won us credit in the world."

Yehezkel to ask Knesset to lift immunity

LABOR MK Avi Yehezkel will ask the Knesset House Committee to remove his parliamentary immunity this morning, unless the committee will agree to postpone the entire issue until after the

Labor primary.
Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair had asked the committee to remove Yehezkel's immunity so he could stand trial on fraud charges related to the Histadrut

... According to the draft indict-ment, Yehezkel allegedly paid for some NIS 16,000 worth of materials for his 1992 primary campaign with Histadrut funds, and then persuaded a Histadrut colleague to submit false invoices to account for the expenditures. The House Committee is to continue its deliberations today.

At a press conference yesterday. Yehezkel said that after attorney Amnon Zichroni had reviewed all the evidence in the case. Zichroni was convinced that the indictment was baseless, and wanted to try to persuade the House Committee to

refuse to lift Yehezkel's immunity on these grounds. However, Yehezkel said he preferred to try to prove his innocence in open

"At least the public should know what we're talking about,"

"And secondly, I don't want the Histadrut affair to crop up again and serve as a political weapon for the Likud against Labor [in the general elections].

Yehezkel said that despite bis decision, he was angry about the timing of the indictment, since it is likely to damage his chances in the primary even if he is later acquitted.
"I have very serious criticisms

regarding the timing," he said. "It's no secret that the investigation of the Histadrut affair has not yet finished."

Therefore, be said. Ben-Yair could easily bave waited until the investigation was completed before indicting him, and rather than doing so just a few weeks before the primary."

Jerusalem municipality official accused of threatening Arab workers

MICHAL YUDELMAN

HISTADRUT Chairman MK Amir Peretz has initiated an investigation into the complaint of Arab workers in the Jerusalem municipality that they are being threatened and harassed by a well-connected city official.

Nine Arah workers in the capital's municipal sanitation department complained that Yisrael Twito, a political appointee of Mayor Ehud Olmert, had threatened them with dismissal, harassed them and humiliated They said Twito told them he

had many friends in the General Security Service and unless they did as he said he could have them dismissed or have other steps taken against them. The affair began after elections

for the sanitation department's union, in which most Arah workers voted against the union head

Twito then began harassing the Arab workers, ordering them to carry out various tasks instead of their daily work, and in violation of the instructions of the sanitation department head. When they refused, he threatened them with his connections in the GSS.

The Arab workers presented Jerusalem city councilor Ornan Yekutieli with written statements to this effect, which Yekutieli transferred to Peretz, urging the Histadrut's intervention. Yekutieli warned of the racial and political elements in threatening the Arab workers, noting "they constitute a group which can easily be frightcned and pressured hy this kind of behavior. It's enough if one idiot throws a match into the racist keg of gunpowder for the whole thing to explode."

Peretz instructed the Histadrut's internal comptroller. Adi Kandel, to look into the affair, stating "I will not tolerate any harassment on a political or racial basis."

The Jerusalem municipality spokesman said in Twito's name that Twito denies all the allegations against him and intends to take legal action against Yekutieli for his groundless allegations.



Saguy bows out of primaries; **Buhbut leaves Knesset**

FORMER OC Intelligence Maj.-Gen. (res.) Uri Saguy announced last night that he will not run in the Labor primary.

Saguy was one of the star acquisitions hy Labor in the current season and Prime Minister Shimon Peres sought hard to dissuade Saguy from dropping out of the race.

Today is the last day to register for the primary race. Also yesterday, Labor MK

Shlomo Buhbut announced he would not be running for the next Saguy denied yesterday that be

would turn to another party or that be would consider offers from David Levy's as-of-yet unborn

ATTORNEY Avraham Pachter

yesterday asked the Tel Aviv

District Court to release him as

confessed assassin Yigal Amir's

lawyer, just one day after agreeing

Pachter, a former senior deputy

Tel Aviv district attorney, was

appointed by the court on Monday

Mordechai Offri resigned.
Defense lawyer Jonathan
Goldberg, who is believed to be

taking a political line of defense

and who has incurred the wrath of

the judges for his apparent lack of knowledge of Israeli law, would

have had to take second place to

By law, any defendant facing a

minimum 10-year sentence is enti-

tled to a court-appointed lawyer.

the experienced Pachter.

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The Prime Minister's Office denied Saguy had been offered the positinn of Mossad chief.

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Saguy only joined the Labor Party seven weeks ago. He said right off that his real aim was not so much to win a Knesset seat as to eventually land a top executive position. As things stand, say Labor insiders, he apparently discovered that the primary field is. very crowded and that his chances of winning a safe slot on the Labor slate were far from promis-

Buhbut said he had decided to dedicate his time to being mayor. of Ma'alot-Tarshiha. His decision is the result of the new law pre-

Goldberg has been retained by

American and Canadian business-

On Monday, Pachter said he was

not enthusiastic about representing

Amir, but also had no hesitation.

Yesterday, however, he decided to

ask the court to accept his resigna-

He stated in a letter to the three-

judge panel that Amir wishes to

turn the trial into a political plat-form for his views and that he can-

The trial continues tomorrow

additional prosecution witnesses.

not go along with this.

tion "for reasons of conscience."

venting MKs from simultaneously holding other jobs. "I fought against it, but the law passed and I'm obliged to act according to it. I don't want to mislead my voters in Galilee. I don't want to exploit the privilege granted me by the law and continue in both positions until the end of my term in the local authority."

Bulbut said he could contribute more as a mayor than as an MK. adding that his commitments as mayor prevented him from participating fully in Knesset life as a committee chairman or in another more meaningful position.

He did not reject the possibility of returning to the Knesset in

contemplating running on David Levy's list. Apart from continuing as Ma'alot mayor, Bubhut said he would continue to work on national social issues...

The 1996 elections will be determined by hurning social issues. It is a mistake to believe that the terrible statistics on poverty, the widening social gap, and feeling of frustration in development towns can be brushed aside," he said.

In other Labor news yesterday Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss formally submitted his request to run on the party's national list to party secretary general Nissim Zvilli in a brief ceremony in the

Burg: We will countéract Satmar abduction of Yemenite children

ISRAEL is planning to cooperate with the security forces of other countries to prevent the abducting. of Jewish Yemenite children by the Satmar hassidim to the US, Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg said yesterday,

Burg spoke after seeing a preview of a documentary exposing the methods used by the Satmar community to bring children to their institutions against their par-

Some of the children were brought directly from Yernen and others from Israel.

he was warned not to come to

morning with the testimony of: The documentary was to be The Amir family has asked lawyer Yitzhak Brand, a resident screened last night on Channel 2. In the footage: a young boy of Emannel, to represent Yigal. He is reportedly 'thinking over the whose family lives in Ashdod says

Israel to be reunited with them. The Samar followers told him. that Israelis would cut off his sidelocks and that living in Israel is "like living in hell.".

Last year, there were reports that

new immigrants from Yemen bad been paid to send their children to the US by the Satmar community, shortly after arrival in Israel.

Yehuda Meshi-Zahav, a Satmar leader, reportedly states in the

film that the Ethiopian communi-ty would now be the next target of the Satmars."

Burg charged that the Sannar community had picked up the infamous tactics of Nazi propagandist Goebbels and the Russian KGB. "We are planning to deal with the phenomenon," he said.

learned that you intend to convene Polgat's unions and subject them to steamwoller pressures and threats - even to disperse them unless they support your mea-

Proper noted that Owman's workers are ensured of the severance pay set by law and the negotiations center on sums exceeding those required by the signed

Ouman's workers held another stormy demonstration yesterday, this time outside Polgat's offices in Herzliya, accusing Polgat's management of evading the negotiations. The offices were empty at the time of the demonstration and the Polgat shop under the offices was cleared of customers by the

AROUND THE WORLD

Winning cards and numbers

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the ace of spades, ten of hearts, nine of diamonds, and jack of clubs. In last night's weekly Lotto drawing, the winning numbers were 3, 11, 20, 26, 36 and 38, and the additional number was 31.

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SOME 2.5 million tourists arrived in 1995, a record year for tourism that also saw a marked increase in arrivals through the country's land borders, the Central Bureau of Statistics amounted yesterday....

In 1995, a total of 1,676,400 tourists entered the country by air. an increase of 12 percent over 1994, and there were 21,700 entries at the country's sea ports, a 17% rise. Some 516,000 tourists came into the country by land, than during 1994. However, the bureau notes, some of these were tourists who had only a short time earlier left Israel.

The number of cruise passengers who toured the country dropped last year from 329,800 to 315,000. A total of 445,000 of the visitors in 1995 came from the US, or 20%, while the United Kingdom and Germany each sent about 218,000, some 10% each. About 175,000 came from France (8%)

and there were 112,000 from the former Soviet Union (5%). The Hotel Association also had a record 16 million bed nights, a growth of 13% compared with 1994. Income from the hotel branch amounted to NIS 3 billion, of which some 55% was foreign

currency, or \$600 million. Despite the continuing rise in the number of local people traveling abroad, Israeli tourists accounted for 6.5 million bed nights, an

increase of 12% over last year. Average room occupancy throughout the country was 68% compared with 65% in 1994, with 78% occupancy in Eilat, 76% at the Dead Sea, 75% in Tel Aviv, 72% in Jerusalem, 65% in Tiberias, 63% in Netanya and 59% in Haifa

The total number of hotel rooms by the end of the year was 35,000, with 7,700 in Jerusalem, 7,000 in Eilat, 4,800 in Tel Aviv.
3,900 in Tiberias, 1,900 in
Netanya; 1,600 at the Dead Sea,
and ahout 1,000 in Haifa
According to the Association, there was a considerable increase last year in the number of rooms in Ellat and by the end of this year Eilat will surpass Jerusalem as the location with the largest number of hotel rooms.

Peretz urges government to intervene in Ouman dispute

Peretz yesterday urged the government to intervene in the Ouman dispute to help reach a fair severance pay settlement for the textile plant's workers, saying the alternative would be the govern-ment paying the price for the cri-

Peretz threatened to escalate the

HISTADRUT chairman MK Amir

struggle against the management of Polgat, Ouman's owner, in the next few days, after Polgat reneged on the severance agreement it reached with Ouman's workers. He intends to convene the union leaders of Polgat plants today to discuss joint measures. The Histadrut leader charged the Clal concern and Polgat with "deceiving not only the workers

and Histadrut, but the govern-

MICHAL YUDELMAN

ment, which will have to foot the bill at the end. The government dnes not agree with the way Polgat is handling the crisis. I have dealt with many senior economic figures and never have I .. encountered such obtuse, irresponsible, and insensitive behav-.

Peretz said Clai and Polgat are not trying to solve the problem, but are "only counting the profits they will have left afterwards." He called on the government to "snap out of its indifference and

stop treating the dispute as something happening in far away Ofakim, because this crisis is at the government's very doorstep." He added that he was contacted yesterday by the directors-general of both the Prime Minister's Office and the Industry and Trade Ministry, indicating the ministers bave decided to act in the matter.

Manufacturers Association president Dan Proper yesterday accused the Histadrut of sabotaging the negotiations between Polgat and Cuman's workers by holding demonstrations, calling for a strike at Poigat, and inflaming the dispute rather than trying

In a sharp letter to Pereiz, Proper wrote that, "Polgat's managers have become a target of personal threats, deriving from the atmosphere which the Histadrut leaders have created. We have

Arab towns opening to tourism

A GROWING number of Arab towns and villages, especially in the Galilee, are opening their gates to the public as part of a new trend toward engaging in tourism.

Scores of councils and municipalities from Hadera northward have expressed interest in developing tourism facilities in their communities, according to a recent survey carried out for the Toursm Winistry.

Ruthy Ayidor, an official of the Tourism Development Authority, said the trend began as a "good neighbor" project three years ago with Kaukab vil-lage in the Misgav region of the Gabilee.

"Village-life bed and breakfast

places were opened in the village for the first time and since then it has spread to nearby places like Sakhnin, Deir Hanna and Arrabe, especially during the annual Misgav Days of Music and Nature Festival every Pessah." said Avidor, herself a resident of Yodfat in the Misgav region.

Tourism Minister Uzi Baram, who is keen to see the development of a tourism industry in the Arab sector which would belp provide employment, visited Sakhnin yesterday.

Baram pledged that the min-istry would assist in the development of tourism and infrastructure in the Arab sector and would be investing NIS 33 million to this end this year.

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Opponents outline drawbacks of Trans-Israel Highway LIAT COLLINS all costs reminded him of those

ALTHOUGH the Trans-Israel Highway (Road No. 6) has received a green light from the government. several MKs and academics yesterday said the project should be marked with hazard signs.

The subject was discussed by a panel in the Knesset yesterday at the initiative of MK Benny Temkin (Meretz), the Israel Union for Environmental Defense (Adam Teva Ve'din) and the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (SPNI). Terakin said the Knesset Interior

Committee which had discussed

the plan had not been presented

with serious alternatives at the time.

He said those in favor of the road at

who neglect safety in the work place or fail to prevent air pollution. Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, one of three ministers calling for the road to be canceled, said he hoped the concrete work being carried out at the first planned inter-change on the road "would be its gravestone." He said the road would not solve the country's transport problems, which involve maffic jams at the entrance to cities, and called for the development of a rail service instead SPNI Chairman Youv Sagi said the solutions offered by the road "are an illusion" and that the bedget could be better spent on rail and public transport.